Sultans of Swing

Dire Straits

You get a shiver in the dark
It's raining in the park but meantime
South of the river you stop and you hold everything

A band is blowing Dixie double four time

You feel alright when you hear that music ringYou step inside but you don't see too many faces

Coming in out of the rain to hear the jazz go down

Too much competition too many other places

But not too many horns can make that sound

Way on down south way on down south London townYou check out Guitar George he knows all the chords

Mind he's strictly rhythm he doesn't want to make it cry or sing

And an old guitar is all he can afford

When he gets up under the lights to play his thingAnd Harry doesn't mind if he doesn't make the scene

He's got a daytime job he's doing alright

He can play honky tonk just like anything

Saving it up for Friday night

With the Sultans with the Sultans of SwingAnd a crowd of young boys they're fooling around in the corner Drunk and dressed in their best brown baggies and their platform soles

The don't give a damn about any trumpet playing band

It ain't what they call rock and roll

And the Sultans played CreoleAnd then the man he steps right up to the microphone

And says at last just as the time bell rings

'Thank you goodnight now it's time to go home'

And he makes it fast with one more thing

'We are the Sultans of Swing'

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