

# Mr. Bojangles

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I knew a man Bojangles  
Always danced with worn out shoes

The silver hair, a ragged shirt  
And bare ragged paints

The old soft shoe  
He jumps so high  
He jumps so high and

Then he lightly touches downi met him in a New orleans cafÃ“

He was down and out \_\_\_\_\_ I knew a man, Bojangles, and he danced for you  
in worn out shoes.

With silver hair, a ragged shirt and baggy pants,  
the old soft shoe.

He jumped so high, jumped so high, then he lightly touched down.I met him in a cell in New Orleans, I was  
so down and out.

He looked at me to be the eyes of age,  
as he spoke right out.

He talked of life, he talked of life. He laughed, clicked heels instead.Mister Bojangles  
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Mister Bojangles,  
dance!He danced for those at minstrel shows and county fairs  
throughout the South.

He spoke with tears of fifteen years how his dog and he  
traveled about.

His dog up and died, dog up and died, after twentyyears he still grieved.He said, I dance now at every chance in  
honky tonks  
for drinks and tips.

But most of the time I spend behind these county bars.

He said, I drink a bit.

He shook his head and as he shook his head I heard someone ask, pleaseMister Bojangles  
Mister Bojangles  
Mister Bojangles,  
dance!

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band was formed early 1966 with roots in folk and country music. After four LP, of which  
only the first had charted briefly, the band decided to break up. In June 1969, however, the band come back  
together with the single "Mr. Bojangles" by Jerry Jeff Walker, their only top 10 hit.

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