

by John Denver (in **Eb** = Capo behind fret 3):
<http://tinyurl.com/qddyv62>

by Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (In **G** = Capo behind fret 7):
<http://tinyurl.com/ntdp8nj>

BOJANGLES: (Key of **C**)

Intro: **C G Am G** (x2)

C G Am G
I knew a man Bojangles and he'd dance for you

F G G Am G C
In worn out shoes

C G Am G
With silver hair, a ragged shirt, and baggy pants

F G F#
The old soft shoe

F C G Am
He jumped so high, jumped so high

Am G Am Bbm G
Then he lightly touched down

I met him in a cell in New Orleans
I was down and out
He looked to me to be the eyes of age
as he spoke right out

F C
He talked of life, talked of life, he laughed
clicked his heels and stepped

He said his name "Bojangles" and he danced a lick
across the cell
He grabbed his pants and spread his stance,
Oh he jumped so high and then he clicked his heels
He let go a laugh, let go a laugh
and shook back his clothes all around

Am G Am G
Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles

Am G C G Am G
Mr. Bojangles, dance

He danced for those at minstrel shows and county fairs
 throughout the south
 He spoke through tears of 15 years how his dog and him
 traveled about
 The dog up and died, he up and died
 And after 20 years he still grieves

He said I dance now at every chance in honky tonks
 for drinks and tips
 But most the time I spend behind these county bars
 'cause I drinks a bit
 He shook his head, and as he shook his head
 I heard someone ask him please

Am G Am G
 Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles

Am G C G Am G
 Mr. Bojangles, dance..

NOTES:

The **Bbm** in the "Then he lightly touched down" line,
 2nd Grid below, is an approximation because I don't
 know how to name the actual chord shown in the 1st Grid.

The 1st Grid is the chord to use when playing Bojangles.

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N = Nut X = No Play O = Play Open string 1-4 = fingers