I knew a man Bojangles and he'd dance for you in worn out shoes Silver hair, ragged shirt and baggy pants, that old soft shoe He'd jump so high, he'd jump so high, will he likely touch down?

Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles, dance.

I met him in a cell in New Orleans, I was down and out He looked to me to be the eye of age as he spoke right out He talked of life, he talked of life, laughing slapped his leg stale

Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles, dance.

He said the name Bojangles and he danced a lick all across the cell

He grabbed his pants for a better stance, oh he jumped so high and he clicked

up his heels

He let go laugh, he let go laugh, shook back his clothes all a round

Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles, dance, yeah, dance.

He danced for those at minstrel shows and county fairs through tout the south

He spoke with tears of 15 years of how his dog and him but just travelled all about

Hid dog up and died, he up and died, and after 20 years he still grieves

Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles, dance.

He said I dance now at every chance at honky-tonks for drinks and tips

But most of the time I spend behind these county bars, Ocause I drink so bitO

He shook his head, yes he shook his head, I heard someone ask him, OpleaseO,

Mr. Bojangles, Mr. Bojangles, dance, Mr Bojangles, dance.