

# SULTANS OF SWING

*Performed by : Dire Straits (1979)  
 Written by : Mark Knopfler (1978)  
 Arranged by : Rudy Stevens (1980)*

Dm C C C / Dm

Dm  
 You get a shiver in the dark ,  
 C Bb A  
 it's raining in the park but meantime ,  
 Dm C Bb A  
 south of the river you stop and you hold everything ,  
 F C C/ Dm/C Bb  
 a band is blowing Dixie double four time ,  
 Bb Dm  
 you feel alright when you hear that music ring .

Dm C Bb A  
 (Now) you step inside but you don't see too many faces ,  
 Dm C Bb A  
 coming in out of the rain to (you) hear the jazz go down ,  
 F C CC C/Dm C Bb  
 competition in other places ,  
 Bb Dm  
 but not the horns they blowin' that sound ,  
 Bb/Bb--C Bb/Bb--C  
 way on downsouth way on downsouth ,  
 Dm Dm/C Bb Dm Dm/C  
 London town

you 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 thing ,

and Harry doesn't mind if he doesn't make the scene ,  
he's got a daytime job, he's doing all-right ,  
he can play honky tone - like anything ,  
saving it up for friday night ,  
with the sultans ,  
with the sultans of swing ,

## ***GUITAR SOLO***

and a crowd of young boys they're fooling around in the corner ,  
drunk and dressed in their best brown baggies and their platform soles ,  
they don't give a damn , about ('bout) any trumpet , playing band ,  
it ain't what they call rock and roll ,  
and the sultans ,  
and the sultans played creole , (Yeah the Sultans they played Creole) Creole

## ***He GUITAR SOLO***

and 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 fa--st with one more thing ,  
we are the sultans ,  
we are the sultans of swing .