

Sultans of Swing
Dire Straits

Intro: Dm C C Dm C C

Dm

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E |-----5-8-5-----
B |-----3--3-3-----6----6----6-5h6p5-----
G |---2-2-2--2-2--5-5-5-7-----7----7--7-----7--5-7---
D |-0-0-0-0--0-0--5-5-5-7--5h7---7-----7---
A |-0-----x-5-----
E |-----

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Dm C Bb A A7

You get a shiver in the dark, It s raining in the park, but meantime

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E |-----
B |-----
G |---4b6-6r4b6r4-----
D |-----
A |-----
E |-----

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Dm C Bb A

South of the river you stop and you hold everything

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E |-----5-
B |-----10---10-11-10----6-
G |-----9--5-
D |-2s11--11-11-----7-
A |-----
E |-----

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F C

A band is blowing Dixie double four time

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E |-----
B |--5---5-6-5-6-5--3-----
G |--5---5-5-5-5-5--3-----
D |---x-x--7-----3-----
A |-----
E |-----

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Bb Dm Bb C

You feel all right when you hear that music ring

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E |-----
B |-----6----x-3-6--x-3s5-----
G |---7---7s2--x-3-3--x-3s5-----5-
D |-5h7-7-----x-3---x-3s5-----5h7--
A |-----5s7-----
E |-----

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Dm C Bb A

Well now you step inside but you don't see too many faces

E |-----

B | -10--10---10-11-10-10-8--8--6-----

G |-----

D | ---11--11-11-11-11-----9--7-----

A |-----

E |-----

Dm C Bb A

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

E | -10p9-----

B | -----10-----

G | -----9p7p6-----

D | -----7-5-----

A | -----7-----

E |-----

F C

Competition in other places

E |-----

B | -5-5--6-6-5-3-----

G | -5-5--5-5-5-3-----

D | -5-5--7-7-5-3-----

A |-----

E |-----

Bb Dm Bb C

But the horns, they're blowing that sound

E | ----10-8-----

B | ----10---10-x--3-6-x-x--3s5-5-5-----

G | ----10-9-10-x--3-3-x-x--3s5-5-5-----

D | -x-x-----3-3-x-x--3s5-5-5-----

A |-----

E |-----

Bb C

Way on down south

E |-----

B | ----x-3-6--3s5-----

G | --5-x-3-3--3s5-----

D | -5--x-3---3s5-----

A |-----

E |-----

Dm C Bb

way on down south London town

C Dm C Bb C

E |-----

B | ---6-5-3---6--6p5-x-5-----10-8-8-8--6-5-3--6--6p5-x-5-----

G | ---5-5-3---5-5---x-5--5s10-10-----9--5-5-3--5-5---x-5-----5-

D | ---7-5-3---7--7p5-x-5-----7-5-3--7--7p5-x-5-----5h7--

A |-----x-5s7-----

E |-----

Dm C Bb A A7

You check out Guitar George, he knows all the chords

E |-----9-8-9-----10-10-----
B |-----8-7-8-----10-10-----
G |-----9-8-9--10--10-10-----
D |-1s7-----
A |-1s7-----
E |-----

Dm C Bb A F

Mind he s strictly rhythm he doesn t want to make it cry or sing

E |-----5-----9-----9-7-----8-----
B |----5-5-8b10--pbr8(10)----8b10r8b10r8b10--pbr8(10)p6---
G |-7b9-----0-----
D |-----
A |-----
E |-----

C Bb

Yes, and an old guitar is all he can afford

E |-----
B |----8-8s6-6-6-6-----
G |-7s9--9s7-7-7-7-----
D |-----
A |-----
E |-----

Dm Bb C

When he gets under the lights to play his thing

E |----10-8-----
B |-----10-10-x-3-x-6--3-3s5-5-----
G |-9s10---9-10-10-x-3-x-3--3-3s5-5-----5-5-5s7--
D |-----3-x---3-3s5-5---5h7-7-7-----
A |-----5s7-----
E |-----

Dm C Bb A A7

And Harry doesn t mind if he doesn t make the scene

E |-----
B |---8-let-ring--8-----
G |-7b9r7b9r7b9r7b9-----
D |-----
A |-----
E |-----

Dm C Bb A A7

He s got a daytime job he s doing alright

E |-----9-----5--8-----
B |-12b14--10-----0-8b10-----
G |-----9h10p9--7-6-4-0-----
D |-----7-----

A | -----
E | -----

C Bb

He can play honky tonk like anything

E | -----
B | --5--5-x-6-6-5-x-3-----
G | --5--5-x-5-5-5-x-3-----
D | --5--5-x-7-7-5-x-3-----
A | -----
E | -----

Dm Bb

Saving it up for Friday night

E | -----
B | -----6-5p4---3-6-3-3s5-5-----
G | -----7-----7--3-3-3-3s5-5-----
D | -5s7-7-----3-3-3-3s5-5-----
A | -----
E | -----

C Bb C

With the Sultans,

E | -----
B | --x-3-6--3-3s5-5-----
G | --x-3-3--3-3s5-5-----
D | --x-3---3-3s5-5-----
A | -----
E | -----

Dm

with the Sultans of Swing

Dm C Bb C Dm C Bb C

E | -----
B | ---6-5-3---6--6p5-x-5-----10-8--8--6-5-3--6--6p5-x-5-----
G | ---5-5-3---5-5---x-5--5s10-10--0-9--5-5-3--5-5---x-5-----5-
D | ---7-5-3---7--7p5-x-5-----7-5-3--7--7p5-x-5-----5h7--
A | -----x-5s7-----
E | -----

Dm C Bb A A7

And a crowd of young boys they re fooling around in the corner

E | -----12-----13-----
B | -12b14----pbr12(14)p10-----
G | -----12s14-14-----
D | -----
A | -----
E | -----

Dm C Bb A A7

Drunk and dressed in their best brown baggies, and their platform soles

E | -12p9-----5-----

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B|-----10-----
G|-----9--7-6-0-x---pbr12(14)-12b14----
D|-----x-----
A|-----15-----15----
E|-----

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F C Bb
 They don t give a damn about any trumpet playing band

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E|-----
B|----8-8s6-6-6-6-----
G|-7s9--9s7-7-7-7-----
D|-----
A|-----
E|-----

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Dm Bb
 It ain t what they call rock and roll

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E|-----
B|-----3-6-x-3s5-----
G|----7--6-----3-3-x-3s5-----
D|-5s7-7-7-7s2--3---x-3s5-----
A|-----
E|-----

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C Bb
 And the Sultans,

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E|-----
B|--3-6-3--3s5-5-----
G|--3-3-3--3s5-5-----
D|--3-3-3--3s5-5-----
A|-----
E|-----

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C Dm
 yeah the sultans, they played Creole. Creole.
 Dm C Bb C Creole Dm C Bb C ah ah

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E|-----
B|---6-5-3---6--6p5-x-5-----10-8-8-8--6-5-3--6--6p5-x-5-----
G|---5-5-3---5-5---x-5--5s10-10-----9--5-5-3--5-5---x-5-----5-
D|---7-5-3---7--7p5-x-5-----7-5-3--7--7p5-x-5-----5h7--
A|-----x-5s7-----
E|-----

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1. instrumental

Ah ah

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E|-----
B|--8b10--8b9s10-8b9s10--pbr8(10)--6h8p6--5h6p5-----
G|-----
D|-----11-----
A|-----x-----
E|-----x-----

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E | -----9-12b13b14r12--10-----
 B | ---10-----10-----10-13-11h13p11--9-10---11-x-x---
 G | --9-----10-----x-----
 D | -----12-----
 A | -----
 E | -----

E | -----13-----12h13-12-----
 B | -9-10-10--10-----13-----13-----13-----
 G | ---0--0--0---12b14--12bh14---(14)r12-10-10-----12-14p12---
 D | -----x-x-----
 A | -----
 E | -----

E | -----13p10--10-----
 B | -13-13--13b15-(15)r13--13b15-13b15r13--10--10---13b15-10-----
 G | -----15-----12-10s3--
 D | -----
 A | -----
 E | -----

E | -----
 B | ---3-6-3---5-6s8-6-5h6s8s3---3-6-3-3s5-----8-----
 G | --3-----5-----3-----3s5--5--7-5-7bh9-(9)r7-5-7-7s2---
 D | -3-----5-----3-----3s5-5-----
 A | -----
 E | -----

E | -----
 B | ---6-5-3---6--6p5-x-5-----10-8-8-8--6-5-3--6--6p5-x-5-----
 G | ---5-5-3---5-5---x-5--5s10-10-----9--5-5-3--5-5---x-5-----5-
 D | ---7-5-3---7--7p5-x-5-----7-5-3--7--7p5-x-5-----5h7--
 A | -----x-5s7-----
 E | -----

Dm C Bb A
 And then the man he steps right up to the microphone

E | -----
 B | -----10---12s14-14---14s17--15---15--
 G | -----
 D | --5s11-11-11-12s14---14--s17---15-15--
 A | -----
 E | -----

Dm C Bb A
 And says at last just as the time bell rings

E | ---9--9-----
 B | ---8--8-let-ring-----
 G | ---9--9-----
 D | -----

A |-----
E |-----

F C
goodnight now it s time to go home

E |-----
B |----8--8-8----11-----
G |--7s9-9-9----10-10-----
D |-----
A |-----
E |-----

Bb Dm
Then he makes it fast with one more thing

E |-----
B |-----6-6-----3-6-x--3s5-5-----
G |----7--7-7--7-x--3-3-x--3s5-5-----
D |-5s7-7-----7--x--3---x--3s5-5-----
A |-----
E |-----

C Bb
We are the Sultans,

E |-----
B |--3-6-x--3s5-5-----
G |--3-3-x--3s5-5-----
D |--3---x--3s5-5-----
A |-----
E |-----

C Dm
we are the sultans of Swing

C Dm C Bb C
E |-----
B |---6-5-3---6--6p5-x-5-----10-8-8-8--6-5-3--6--6p5-x-5-----
G |---5-5-3---5-5---x-5--5s10-10----9--5-5-3--5-5---x-5-----5-
D |---7-5-3---7--7p5-x-5-----7-5-3--7--7p5-x-5-----5h7--
A |-----x-5s7-----
E |-----

2. instrumental

E |-----
B |-8b10--8-6-8-6--pbr8(10)-8-5h8p5-3h5p3-----
G |-----7-----5h7p5-5--5-----
D |-----5h7p5-----
A |-----5h7p5--
E |-----

E |-----8-----8-----8-----8-----
B |--x-10p8--8-----8h10p8--8h10p8--8h10p8--8h10p8--8h10p8--
G |-x-----10-10-7--7--7h9-----9-----9-----9-----9-----
D |-----

A |-----
E |-----

E | --8-----10-----
B | --8h10-8-----10--13p10--10-----10-----10-----11--
G | -----x-x-x--12b14-----12--12p10-----10--12---x---0-x---
D | -----0-x-x-x-----12-10h12-----x-----x-----
A |-----
E |-----

E |-----12-----10-x-x--13p10--10-13p10--10-13p10--10-13p10--10--
B | -x-x-11bh13--(13)r11-----10-----10-----10-----10-----
G |-----
D |-----
A |-----
E |-----

E | -13p10--10-13p10--10-13p10--10-13--x--15p12--12-15p12--12-15p12--12--
B | -----11-----11-----11-----x-----13-----13-----13-----
G |-----
D |-----
A |-----
E |-----

E | -15p12---15p12--12-15p12--12-15p12--12-15---10-13p10--10-13p10--10--
B | -----13-----13-----13-----13-----10-----10-----10-----
G |-----
D |-----
A |-----
E |-----

E | -13p10--10-13p10--10-13p10--10-13p10--10-13p10--10-13--x-15p12--12-----
B | -----10-----10-----11-----11-----11-----x-----13-----
G |-----
D |-----
A |-----
E |-----

E | -15p12--12-15p12--12-15p12--12-15p12--12-15p12--12-15p12--12-15p12---15b17-
B | -----13-----13-----13-----13-----13-----13-----12-----
G |-----
D |-----
A |-----
E |-----

E | --15b17r15-13--13--15bh17r15b17r15-12h15p12-----
B | -----15--13-----13h15p13-10h13p10-----
G | -----9h12p9-----
D | -----15s7-----
A |-----
E |-----

E |-----

B | ---6-5-3---6--6p5-x-5-----10-8-8-8--6-5-3--6--6p5-x-5-----
G | ---5-5-3---5-5---x-5--5s10-10-----9--5-5-3--5-5---x-5-----5-
D | ---7-5-3---7--7p5-x-5-----7-5-3--7--7p5-x-5-----5h7--
A | -----x-5s7-----
E | -----