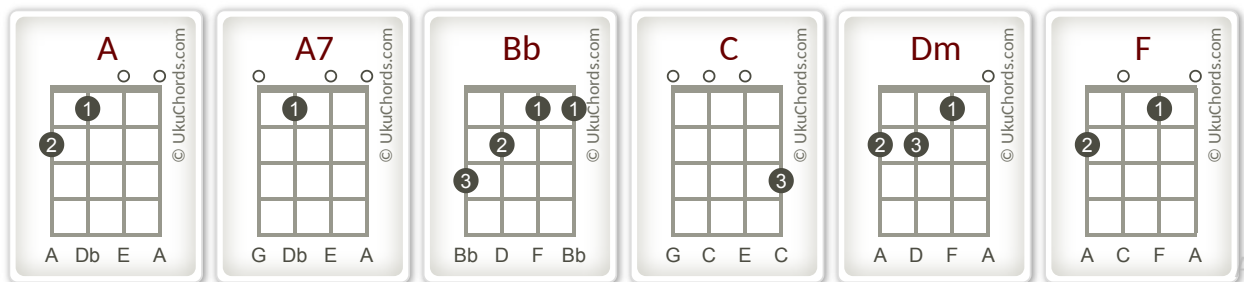


# SULTANS OF SWING

## by Dire Straits



- single snare beat -

**Dm** / **C-C** / **Dm** / **C-C**

**Intro** lead

Ab = G#

Bb = A#

Db = C#

Eb = D#

Gb = F#

**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**  
a band is blowing Dixie double four time

**Bb** **Dm** **Bb-C**  
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**  
too much competition too many other places

**Bb** **Dm**  
but not too many horns can make that sound

- But not too many horns are blowing that sound -  
**Bb-C**

way on downsouth

**Bb-C**

way on downsouth

**Dm** **Dm-C-Bb-C** **Dm-C-Bb-C**  
London town

**Dm** **C** **Bb** **A**  
you check out Guitar George he knows all the chords

**Dm** **C** **Bb** **A**  
mind he's - his - strictly rhythm he doesn't want to make it cry or sing

**F** **C**  
and an old guitar is all he can afford

**Bb** when he gets up under the lights to play his thing **Dm Bb-C**  
**Dm** - and - harry doesn't mind if he doesn't make the scene **C Bb A**  
**Dm** he- 's - got a daytime job he's doing al- l -right **C Bb A**  
**F** he can play honky tone just like anything **C**  
 - He can play the honky tonk like anything - **Bb Dm Bb-C**  
 saving it up for friday night **Bb-C**  
 with the sultans **Dm Dm-C-Bb-C**  
 with the sultans of swing **Dm-C-Bb-C**  
  
**Dm** and a crowd of young boys they're fooling around in the corner **C Bb A**  
**Dm** drunk and dressed in their best brown baggies and their platform soles **C Bb A**  
**F** they don't give a damn about - 'bout - any trumpet playing band **C**  
**Bb** it ain't what they call rock and roll **Dm Bb-C**  
**Bb-C** and the sultans  
**Dm Dm-C-Bb-C** and the sultans played creole  
 - Yeah the Sultans they played Creole - **Dm-C-Bb-C**

Lead 1: - chords: Follow 1 full **Verse** -

**Dm** and then the man he steps right up to the microphone **C Bb A**  
**Dm** and says at last just as the time bell rings **C Bb A - A7 -**  
**F** thank you goodnight now it's time to go home **C**  
**Bb** and he makes it fast with one more thing **Dm Bb-C**  
**Bb-C** we are the sultans  
**Dm Dm-C-Bb-C** we are the sultans of swing

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