

Dr. Hokum & Mr. Jive

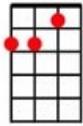
words & music by Howlin' Hobbit
arranged for C tuned ukulele by Howlin' Hobbit

Intro

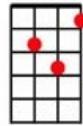
Dm x 3, Am (see note #1)

Verse 1

Dmin

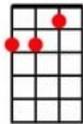


Gmin

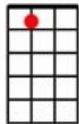


My friend came by the other day

Dmin

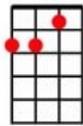


A7

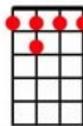


Said let's go where the music plays

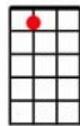
Dmin



B \flat 7

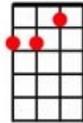


A7

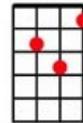


He's so het up he even said he'd drive

Dmin

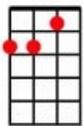


Gmin

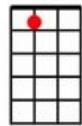


While in the car he turned and said

Dmin



A7

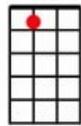


Pull up your socks and clear your head

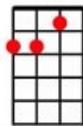
B \flat 7



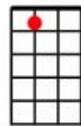
A7



Dmin



A7



(see note #2)

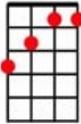
Let's go see Dr. Hokum and Mr. Jive

Verse 2

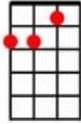
He took me to a part of town
That was so seedy and rundown
That even cops don't go there all alone
First thing I note was I could hear
Some hot jazz from some place real near
And some cat blowin' spooky on slide trombone

Chorus

B \flat maj

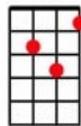


Dmin

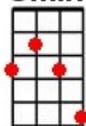


Dr. Hokum and Mr. Jive

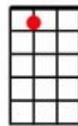
Gmin



Gmin

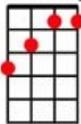


A7

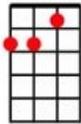


The hottest band of hepcats ever to take five

B \flat maj

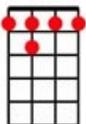


Dmin

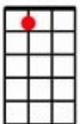


Dr. Hokum and Mr. Jive

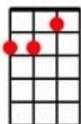
B \flat 7



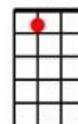
A7



Dmin



A7



Let's go hear Dr. Hokum and Mr. Jive

Verse 3

Rotund and sly Doc Hokum stands
A tiny uke clutched in his hands
He's strummin' like a bat right out of hell
And Mr. Jive is thumpin' bass
Or has a trombone in his face
To blow the swingin' solos he does so well

Chorus

Verse 4

They're backed up by a five-piece crew
Wearin' reet pleats and marcelled dos
Layin' down the sweet and sultry tones
They took a break to swill some gin
They told that it weren't no sin
To shed our skins and dance 'round in our bones

Chorus

Instrumental Break (see note #3)

Chorus**Verse 5**

They laid down such a powerful beat
Shot the crowd up to their feet
At least the lucky ones who had survived
The rest of them burst into flame
They weren't prepared yet still they came
To hear old Dr. Hokum and Mr. Jive

Chorus**Tag**

Last line of chorus x 2

Playing Tips & Notes

General Notes:

This is the fourth in my series of songsheets for my original tunes. It was written back when my band, Snake Suspenderz, was simply a duo of me and Thaddeus Spae. The version I've done here is off of my solo release, the Busker's Bonus EP.

The only really tricky bits are the timing of some of the chords and that one Gmin in the chorus. I try to write these sheets with the chord appearing right over the lyric where it should change, but the rhythm of this piece made that a bit tough. So I got as close as I could and leave it up to you to listen to the recording. Here's the URL:

<http://howlinhobbit.bandcamp.com/track/dr-hokum-mr-jive>

This arrangement is released under the Creative Commons BY-NC-SA license. See this page for details:

<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/3.0/us/>

#1

I couldn't figure out how to illustrate the little intro bit so I just left the reminder note. Again, listen to the recording to get what I'm saying. Note that you can repeat the intro a couple times if you want and you can also use it before any given verse. That last is a lifesaver if you get the brain lock on lyrics sometimes (like I do).

#2

Don't play the last A7 after any verse except the first one. It's meant to be the "turnaround chord" before a verse but not before the chorus. Since the song was written with two verses before the first time you sing the chorus, it had to be thrown in here.

#3

In my recorded arrangement, the break is played over one pass through the verse and I threw in an extra sung chorus.

If you're a hot lead player, or you have one or more in your band, the instrumental break can be played over a full pass through the verse and chorus chords. You can also throw a break in after any or all of the choruses in the tune – I seem to remember a live recording of the Emerald City Jug Band where this was done – but use your good

judgement on that one.

Hope you like this tune. Do let me know if you're making a recording or video of it, I'd love to check out your version.

Howlin' Hobbit – www.howlinhobbit.com
April 26, 2010