

Sultans of Swing (Dire Straits)

key: Dm

(single snare beat)

Dm / C-C / Dm / C-C

Intro lead

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 Dm Bb-C

when he gets up under the lights to play his thing

Dm C Bb A

(and) harry doesn't mind if he doesn't make the scene

Dm C Bb A

he('s) got a daytime job he's doing al(l)right

F C

he can play honky tone just like anything

(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 C Bb A
and a crowd of young boys they're fooling around in the corner

Dm C Bb A
drunk and dressed in their best brown baggies and their platform soles

F C
they don't give a damn about ('bout) any trumpet playing band

Bb Dm Bb-C
it ain't what they call rock and roll

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

Dm C Bb A (A7)
and says at last just as the time bell rings

F C
thank you goodnight now it's time to go home

Bb Dm Bb-C
and he makes it fast with one more thing

Bb-C
we are the sultans

Dm Dm-C-Bb-C
we are the sultans of swing

Title: Sultans of Swing

Artist: Dire Straits

Album: Sultans of Swing

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If you find any mistakes be sure to tell me.

[---xX---] means repeat that part X times.

I suggest referring to the music, particularly for the solos.

e-----|-----|-----|5-8-5---|-----|
b-----|-----|---6---|-----6-|-5h6p5---|
g-5-5-5h7-|---5-7-|----7-|-----|-----7-|
D-----|-7-----|-7-----|-----|-----|
A-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
E-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

e-----|
b-----|
g-4b~-|

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

e-----|
b-/10-10-10h11-10-|
g-----|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-----|
b-5-5-6-6p5---|
g-----7-|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-----|-----|-----|
b-----6---|-----|-----|
g----7----7-|-3-3-3-3h5-5-|-----5-|
D-5h7---7----|-----|---5-7---|
A-----|-----|-/7-----|
E-----|-----|-----|

e-----|
b-/10-10-11-11-10-10-|
g-----|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-10p9-----|
b----10-----5-|
g-----9-7p6----|
D-----7---|
A-----|
E-----|

e-----|
b-5-5-6-6p5---|
g-----7-|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

(1:06)

e-10p9---|-----|
b----10-|-----|
g-----|-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
D-----|-----|
A-----|-----|
E-----|-----|

e-----|
b-----|
g-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-----5---|-----|
b-6p5---6-6p5-5---8-|-6p5---6-6p5-5-----|
g----7-----|----7-----5-|
D-----|-----5-7---|
A-----|-----/7-----|
E-----|-----|

(1:33)

e-9-8-9-|-----|
b-----|---10-|
g-----|10---|
D-----|-----|
A-----|-----|
E-----|-----|

e-----9-----|
b-----10---10---10p8-12-8BrB-|
g-(8)/9---9-----|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-----|
b----8-----|
g-7/9---9-7-7-7-|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e----10-8---|-----|-----|
b-----10-|-----|-----|
g-/10-----|-3-3-3-3h5-5-|---5---5-/7-|
D-----|-----|-7---7-----|
A-----|-----|-----|
E-----|-----|-----|

(2:02)

e----|
b----|
g-7b~-|
D----|
A----|
E----|

e-/9-9-----|
b-----10-----10-|

g-----9-9-----|
D-----12p11-11----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-----|
b-5-5-6-6p5---|
g-----7-|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

(2:20)

e-----|-----|
b----7---6-5----|-----|
g-5h7---7-----6h7-|-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
D-----|-----|
A-----|-----|
E-----|-----|

e-----|
b-----|
g-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-----5---|-----|
b-6p5---6-6p5-5---8-|-6p5---6-6p5-5-----|
g----7-----|----7-----5-|
D-----|-----5-7---|
A-----|-----/7-----|
E-----|-----|

(2:46)

e----12-----13-|
b-12B----12b--10----|
g-----|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-12p9-----|-----|
b----10-----5-|-9brb-|
g-----9-7p6----|-----|
D-----7---|-----|
A-----|-----|
E-----|-----|

e-----|
b----8-----|
g-7/9---9-7-7-7-|
D-----|

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

e-----|-----|
b-----6---|-----|
g-----7---7-|-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
D-5h7-----|-----|
A-----|-----|
E-----|-----|

e-----|
b-----|
g-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-----5---|-----|
b-6p5---6-6p5-5---8-|-6p5---6-6p5-5-----|
g-----7-----|----7-----5-|
D-----|-----5-7---|
A-----|-----/7-----|
E-----|-----|

[1st Solo](3:28)

e-----|-----12B-|
b-----|-----15----|
g-12B-12b-12b-12b-10h12p10-9h10p9-|-----14-----|
D-----|-----11-12-14-----|
A-----|-----|
E-----|-----|

e-10-----|
b---10-----10-13-11h13p11-10-11-9h10-(10)-|
g-----10-----|
D-----12-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-----13-----13-12-----|
b-9b-10---13-----13-8h10-8-13-13-13-|
g-----12-10-10-----|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e---10-----13p10-----|
b-13B---11-13B-13B-10-----10h13-13B-10-10-----|
g-----12p10-|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

e-----|

b-----|
g-----10-----9-10h12-10-9h10h12-|
D-8-8-12---8-10-----|
A-8-----|
E-----|

e-----|
b-----|
g-----10-----12-----|
D--8-12---12-12h14-10-12-10-12/14---14\12-10-12-12-12-|
A-8-----|
E-----|

e-----5---|-----|
b-6p5---6-6p5-5---8-|-6p5---6-6p5-5-----|
g----7-----|----7-----5-|
D-----|-----5-7---|
A-----|-----/7-----|
E-----|-----|

e-----|
b-----7-|
g--5h7----|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

(4:17)

e-----|
b-----12/14-14-/17-17--14-15-|
g-6/14-14-----|
D-----11-----|
A-----|
E-----|

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e---9-9--|
b-6-6-6--|
g-5---5--|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|

That's a bit of a stretch so you might want to
use this chord, though it doesn't sound as good:

[e-9-]
[b-x-]
[g-9-]
[D-11-]
[A----]
[E----]

e-----|-----|

b----8---|---11-|
 g-7/9---9-|-----|
 D-----|-12----|
 A-----|-----|
 E-----|-----|

(4:38)

e-----|-----|
 b-----|-----|
 g-7--10--10-7-|-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
 D--7---7-----|-----|
 A-----|-----|
 E-----|-----|

e-----|
 b-----|
 g-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
 D-----|
 A-----|
 E-----|

e-----5---|-----|
 b-6p5---6-6p5-5---8-|-6p5---6-6p5-5-----|
 g----7-----|----7-----5-|
 D-----|-----5-7---|
 A-----|-----/7-----|
 E-----|-----|

[2nd Solo](4:59)

e-----|-----|-----|
 b-----|-----|-----|(10\8)-10p8-----
 g-12B-12-10-12-10p7-|-12b-12-7h9p7-5h7p5-----|-----10h12p10--12
 D-----|-----5h7p5-----|-----12--
 A-----|-----5h7p5-----|-----
 E-----|-----8-5-3-|-----

e-----8-----|8-----8-----|----10-----|
 b--8h10p8----10-8---|--8-10----8-10-|---10----10-8-8-----8-----10-8-|
 g-9-----9-----9-|-----9-----|-----10p7--5h7-10-----|
 D-----|-----|-7-----|
 A-----|-----|
 E-----|-----|

e-----12-----|
 b-----13---13-15-|
 g----10~----11-----|
 D-9h12----9h12-----|
 A-----|
 E-----|

(5:20) Repeat this while fading:

e[-13p10---10-]-13-[-15p12---12-]-15-|

b[-----10----]---[-----13----]---|
g[-----]---[-----]---|
D[----x8-----]---[----x8-----]---|
A[-----]---[-----]---|
E[-----]---[-----]---|

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