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 doesnb'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.

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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~-|
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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------------|


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e-10p9----|------------|
b------10-|------------|
g--------|-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
D--------|------------|
A--------|------------|
E--------|------------|
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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-----------------|---------------------|
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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------------|------------|-----------|
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e-----|
b-----|
g-7b~-|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|


e-/9-9-------------------|
b------10-------------10-|
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g---------9-9------------|
D-------------12p11-11----|
A----------------------|
E----------------------|


e------------|
b-5-5-6-6p5---|
g----------7-|
D------------|
A------------|
E------------|
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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-----------------|----------------------|
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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--------------|
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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------------------|----------------------|
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[1st Solo](3:28)

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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--------------------------------|
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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---------|


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


  d u d
e---9-9--|
b-6-6-6--|
g-5---5--|
D--------|
A-------|
E-------|
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That's a bit of a stretch so you might want to
use this chord, though it doesn't sound as good:

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


e---------|-------|
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b-----8---|----11-|
g-7/9---9-|-------|
D--------|-12----|
A--------|-------|
E--------|-------|
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e--------------|------------|
b--------------|------------|
g-7---10---10-7-|-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
D---7----7------|------------|
A--------------|------------|
E--------------|------------|
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e-------------|
b------------|
g-3-3-3-3h5-5-|
D------------|
A------------|
E------------|
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e--------------5---|----------------------|
b-6p5---6-6p5-5---8-|-6p5---6-6p5-5----------|
g-----7------------|-----7---------------5-|
D-----------------|-----------------5-7---|
A-----------------|--------------/7-------|
E-----------------|----------------------|
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[2nd Solo](4:59)

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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-|----------------------
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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-----------------|---------------|------------------------------|
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e-------------------12-------|
b-----------------13----13-15-|
g------10~------11------------|
D-9h12-----9h12---------------|
A----------------------------|
E----------------------------|
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(5:20) Repeat this while fading:

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e[-13p10----10-]-13-[-15p12----12-]-15-|
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b[-------10----]---[-------13----]---|
g[------------]---[------------]---|
D[-----x8------]---[----x8------]---|
A[------------]---[------------]---|
E[------------]---[------------]---|
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