## Don't Mess Around With Jim

"You Don't Mess Around With Jim" by Jim Croce 1972

In D – orig in E

D D
Uptown got its hustlers, Bowery got it's bums, 42 <sup>nd</sup> street got Big Jim Walker, he's a pool shootin' son of a gun
Yeah he's big and dumb as a man can come, but he's stronger than a country hoss  A G D
And when the bad folks all get together at night, You know they all call Big Jim boss, just because
G D G D
And they say, "You don't tug on Superman's cape, you don't spit into the wind
You don't pull the mask off the ol' Lone Ranger, and you don't mess around with Jim (Slim)
Doo – do – be – doo – dee – dee – dee – dee
D D
Well out of South Alabama come a country boy, said he's lookin' for a man named Jim
"I'm a pool shootin' boy name of Willie McCoy, but down home they call me Slim
Yeah I'm lookin' for the king of 42 <sup>nd</sup> street, drivin' a drop top Cadillac
A G D  Last week he took all my money and it may sound funny, but I come to get my money back"  D
And everybody said, "Jack, don't you know" (repeat chorus)
D D
Well a hush fell over the pool room, Jimmy come a-boppin' in off the street
When the cuttin' was done the only part that wasn't bloody, was the souls of the big man's feet $\ensuremath{G}$
Yeah, he was cut in 'bout a hundred places, and he was shot in a couple more
And you better believe I sung a different kinda story, when Big Jim hit the floor
Hmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm
D Ya Big Jim got his hat, find out where it's at (spoken) D
It's not hustlin' people strange to you, even if you do got a two piece custom made pool cue
G D G D Ya you don't tug on Superman's cape, you don't spit into the wind
G A D
You don't pull the mask off that ol' Lone Ranger, and you don't mess around with Slim
Hmmmm, hmm, hmm, hmm, hmm hmm (repeat and fade)