



Dem Bones (“Dry Bones”) (D)

James Weldon Johnson & John Rosamond Johnson, before 1928

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[Dem Bones](#) by Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians (1947) (Video)

[Dem Dry Bones](#) by the Delta Rhythm Boys (1950)

[Dry Bones](#) by The Four Lads (1968) -- [Dem Bones](#) by Gospel Harmony Quartet (1981)

This is a good song for using Barre Chords.

Intro D A7 D

D A7 D
 E-ze-kiel cried “Dem Dry Bones!” E-ze-kiel cried, “Dem Dry Bones!”
 D G D A7 D
 E-ze-kiel cried, “Dem Dry Bones!” Oh, hear the word of the Lord.

D D#
 The foot bone connected to the leg bone. The leg bone connected to the knee bone.
 E F
 The knee bone connected to the thigh bone. The thigh bone connected to the back bone.
 F# G
 The back bone connected to the neck bone. The neck bone connected to the head bone.
 G D7 G
 Oh, hear the word of the lord.

G D7 G
 Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’. Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’
 G C G D7 G
 Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’, Oh, hear the word of the Lord

G Gb
 The head bone connected to the neck bone. The neck bone connected to the back bone.
 F E
 The back bone connected to the thigh bone. The thigh bone connected to the knee bone.
 Eb D
 The knee bone connected to the leg bone. The leg bone connected to the foot bone.
 D A7 D
 Oh, hear the word of the Lord.

D A7 D
 Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’. Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’ .
 D G D A7 D
 Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’, Oh, hear the word of the Lord

D D A7 G G G G D D D A7/ D/
 Oh, hear _ the word of the Lord

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G G#
The foot bone connected to the leg bone. The leg bone connected to the knee bone.
A A#
The knee bone connected to the thigh bone. The thigh bone connected to the back bone.
B C
The back bone connected to the neck bone. The neck bone connected to the head bone.
C G7 C
Oh, hear the word of the Lord.

C G7 C
Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’. Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’
C F C G7 C
Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’, Oh, hear the word of the Lord

C B
The head bone connected to the neck bone. The neck bone connected to the back bone.
A# A
The back bone connected to the thigh bone. The thigh bone connected to the knee bone.
G# G
The knee bone connected to the leg bone. The leg bone connected to the foot bone.
G D7 G
Oh, hear the word of the Lord.

G D7 G
Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’. Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’ .
G C G D7 G
Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk aroun’, Oh, hear the word of the Lord

G G D7 C C C C G G G D7/ G/
Oh, hear _ the word of the Lord

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