

Dem Bones (“Dry Bones”) (D)

James Weldon Johnson & John Rosamond Johnson, before 1928

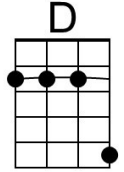
The lyrics were inspired by Ezekiel 37:1–14

[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)

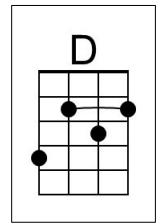
*This is a good song for using Barre Chords.
Optional chord voicing for C-Tuning: 333x – G Tuning: x232*



Instrumental Intro

D A7 D
Oh, hear the word of the Lord.

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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | A7 ↓ D ↓
Oh, hear _ the word of the Lord.

“[Dry Bones](#)” is a separate although similar folk song.