DON'T MESS AROUND WITH JIM   Jim Croce   Intro E A progression

E   *Lead   D hammer E etc*
  Uptown got its hustlers,   Bowery got its bums
E   E7
42nd street got Big Jim Walker;   he a pool-shootin' son-of-a-gun
            A   D   A   D   A   D   A
Yeah, he big and dumb as a man can come and meaner than a country hoss
                  B7   A   B   A   E
    And when the bad folks all get together at night You know they all call Big Jim "Boss"
    E   A   E
    just because-- and they say...

[Chorus]
  A   E   A   E
    You don't tug on Superman's cape   You don't spit into the wind
                  A   B7   A   E
    You don't pull the mask off the old Lone Ranger   and you don't mess around with Jim
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    E
  Well outa South Alabama come a country   He said I'm lookin' for a man named Jim
  E   E7
    I am a pool-shootin' boy, my name is Willie McCoy   But down home they call me "Slim"
              A   D   A   D   A   D   A
  Yeah, I'm lookin' for the king of 42nd street   He drivin' a drop-top Cadillac
              B   A   B   A   E
    Last week he took all my money and it may sound funny but I come to get my money back
                        A
    and everybody say, "Hey Jack... don't you know..."

  [repeat Chorus]
  E
  Well a hush feel over the pool room   Jimmy come a-boppin' in off the street
    E   E7
And when the cuttin' was done the only part that wasn't bloody was the soles of the big man's feet
        A   D   A   D   A   D   A
  Yeah, he were cut in 'bout a hundred places   and he were shot in a couple more
              B   A   B   A   E
  And you better believe they sung a different kind of story   when Big Jim hit the floor

    A   E

Whoa... now they say...
[Chorus]
 A   **E**   **A**   **E**
 You don't tug on Superman's cape   You don't spit into the wind
                   A   **B**   **A**   **E**
 You don't pull the mask off the old Lone Ranger [A]   and you don't mess around with
"Slim"

 LEAD OVER VERSE CHORDS   Then Chorus

[Spoken, use E A progression]
"Yeah Big Jim got his hat, find out where it's at and it's not hustlin' people strange to you
Even if you do got a two-piece custom-made pool cue."   E7
[repeat "Slim" Chorus]Don't Mess around with Jim   E   A   progression at end   E7