**The Swimming Song**

Loudon Wainwright III 1973

**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 /**

**INSTRUMENTAL VERSE:**

This **[G]** summer **[C]** I went **[G]** swimming

This **[D]** summer I might have **[Em]** drowned

But I **[Em]** held my breath and I **[C]** kicked my feet

And I **[D]** moved my arms a-**[Em]**round

I **[D]** moved my arms a-**[G]**round

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And I **[D]** swam in a swimming **[Em]** pool

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I'm a **[D]** self-destructive **[Em]** fool

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This **[G]** summer I **[C]** did the **[G]** back stroke

And you **[D]** know that that's not **[Em]** all

I did the **[Em]** breast stroke and the **[C]** butterfly

And the **[D]** old Australian **[Em]** crawl

The **[D]** old Australian **[G]** crawl

This **[G]** summer I **[C]** swam in a **[G]** public place

And a **[D]** reservoir to **[Em]** boot

At the **[Em]** latter I was in-**[C]**formal

At the **[D]** former I wore my **[Em]** suit

I **[D]** wore my swimming **[G]** suit, yeah

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This **[G]** summer **[C]** I did **[G]** swan dives

And **[D]** jack-knives for you **[Em]** all

And **[Em]** once when you weren't **[C]** looking

I **[D]** did a cannon-**[Em]**ball

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