The Swimming Song

Loudon Wainwright III 1973

INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 /

INSTRUMENTAL VERSE:

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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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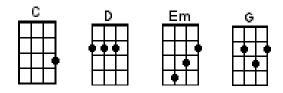
This [G] summer [C] I did [G] swan dives
And [D] jack-knives for you [Em] all
And [Em] once when you weren't [C] looking
I [D] did a cannon-[Em]ball
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