

The Swimming Song

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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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[D] Moved my arms a-**[G]**round

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And I **[D]** swam in a swimming **[Em]** pool
[Em] Salt my wounds, chlor-**[C]**ined my eyes
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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