# The Swimming Song

Loudon Wainwright III 1973 (as recorded by Kate & Anna McGarrigle)

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

**[C5] / [C5] / [C5] / [C5]**

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This **[G]** summer I might have **[Am]** drowned

But I **[Am]** held my breath and I **[F]** kicked my feet

And I **[G]** moved my arms a-**[Am]**round **[Am]**

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

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This **[C5]** summer I **[Csus4]** did the **[C]** back stroke

And you **[G]** know that that's not **[Am]** all

I did the **[Am]** breast stroke and the **[F]** butterfly

And the **[G]** old Australian **[Am]** crawl

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

This **[C5]** summer I **[Csus4]** swam in a **[C]** public place

And a **[G]** reservoir to **[Am]** boot

At the **[Am]** latter I was in-**[F]**formal

At the **[G]** former I wore my **[Am]** suit

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

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This **[C5]** summer **[Csus4]** I did **[C]** swan dives

And **[G]** jack-knives for you **[Am]** all

And **[Am]** once when you weren't **[F]** looking

I **[G]** did a cannon-**[Am]**ball

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