# The Unicorn

Shel Silverstein 1962 (made popular by the Irish Rovers 1968)

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / [G] / [G]**

A **[G]** long time ago, when the **[Am]** Earth was green

There was **[D]** more kinds of animals, than **[G]** you'd ever seen

They'd **[G]** run around free, while the **[Am]** Earth was bein’ born

But the **[G]** loveliest of them all was the **[Am]↓** u-**[D]↓**ni-**[G]**corn

**CHORUS:**

There was **[G]** green alligators and **[Am]** long-necked geese

Some **[D]** humpty-backed camels, and some **[G]** chimpanzees

Some **[G]** cats and rats and elephants, but **[Am]** sure as you're born

The **[G]** loveliest of all was the **[Am]↓** u-**[D]↓**ni-**[G]**corn **[G]**

Now **[G]** God seen some sinnin’, and it **[Am]** gave Him pain

And He **[D]** says, "Stand back, I'm goin’ to **[G]** make it rain"

He says **[G]** "Hey brother Noah, I'll **[Am]** tell you what to do

**[G]** Build me a **[Am]↓** floa-**[D]↓**tin’ **[G]** zoo, and take some of them

**CHORUS:**

**[G]** Green alligators and **[Am]** long-necked geese

Some **[D]** humpty-backed camels, and some **[G]** chimpanzees

Some **[G]** cats and rats and elephants, but **[Am]** sure as you're born

**[G]** Don't you forget my **[Am]↓** u-**[D]↓**ni-**[G]**corns **[G]**

Old **[G]** Noah was there to **[Am]** answer the call

He **[D]** finished up makin’ the ark, just as the **[G]** rain started fallin’

He **[G]** marched in the animals **[Am]** two by two

And he **[G]** called out as **[Am]↓** they **[D]↓** went **[G]** through, “Hey Lord!

**CHORUS:**

I got your **[G]** green alligators and **[Am]** long-necked geese

Some **[D]** humpty-backed camels, and some **[G]** chimpanzees

Some **[G]** cats and rats and elephants, but **[Am]** Lord, I'm so forlorn

I **[G]** just can't see no **[Am]↓** u-**[D]↓**ni-**[G]**corns" **[G]**

Then **[G]** Noah looked out, through the **[Am]** drivin’ rain

Them **[D]** unicorns were hidin’ **[G]** playin’ silly games

**[G]** Kickin’ and splashin’ while the **[Am]** rain was pourin’

**[G]** All them silly **[Am]↓** u-**[D]↓**ni-**[G]**corns

**CHORUS:**

There was **[G]** green alligators and **[Am]** long-necked geese

Some **[D]** humpty-backed camels, and some **[G]** chimpanzees

Noah **[G]** cried, "Close the door ‘cause the **[Am]** rain is pourin’

And **[G]** we just can't wait for no **[Am]↓** u-**[D]↓**ni-**[G]**corns" **[G]**

The **[G]** ark started movin’, it **[Am]** drifted with the tide

The **[D]** unicorns looked up from the **[G]** rocks and they cried

And the **[G]** waters came down and sort of **[Am]↓** floated them away

**< SPOKEN >** And that's why you’ve never seen a unicorn, to this very day…

**CHORUS:**

You'll see **[G]** green alligators and **[Am]** long-necked geese

Some **[D]** humpty-backed camels, and some **[G]** chimpanzees

Some **[G]** cats and rats and elephants, but **[Am]** sure as you're born

You're **[G]** never gonna see no **[Am]** u…-**[D]**ni…-**[G]**corns **[G]↓ [D]↓ [G]↓**

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