

The Swimming Song

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Loudon Wainwright III: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FC3y9IIDXuM> Capo 2

CHORUS:

G This summer **D** 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 **Em** around, I **D** moved my arms **G** around

G This summer **D** I swam in the **G** ocean
And I **D** swam in a swimming **Em** pool
Em Salt my wounds, **C** chlo-rine my eyes
I'm a **D** self-destructive **Em** fool, I'm a **D** self-destructive **G** fool

CHORUS

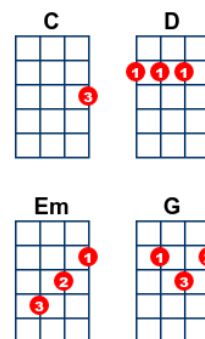
G This summer **D** I did the **G** backstroke
And you **D** know that that's not **Em** all
I did the **Em** breast stroke and the **C** butterfly
And the **D** old Australian **Em** crawl, the **D** old Australian **G** crawl

CHORUS

G This summer **D** I 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

CHORUS

G This summer **D** I did **G** swan dives
And **D** jackknives for you **Em** all
And **Em** once when you weren't **C** looking
I **D** did a cannon-ball, I **Em** did a cannon-ball **D** **G**



REPRISE CHORUS:

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