

# The Swimming Song

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Chorus: [C] This summer I went swimming  
This [G] summer I might have [Am] drowned  
But I held my breath and I [F] kicked my feet  
And I [G] moved my arms a-[Am] round,  
I [G] moved my arms a-[C] round

[C] This summer I swam in the ocean  
Then [G] swam in a swimming [Am] pool  
Salt my wounds, chlo-[F] rine my eyes  
I'm a [G] self-destructive [Am] fool,  
I'm a [G] self-destructive [C] fool

Chorus

[C] This summer I did the backstroke  
And you [G] know that that's not [Am] all  
I did the breast stroke and the [F] butterfly  
And the [G] old Australian [Am] crawl,  
the [G] old Australian [C] crawl

[C] This summer I swam in a public place  
And a [G] reservoir, to [Am] boot  
At the latter I was in-[F] formal  
At the [G] former I wore my [Am] suit,  
I [G] wore my swimming [C] suit

Chorus

[C] This summer I did swan dives  
And [G] jackknives for you [Am] all  
And once when you weren't [F] looking  
I [G] did a cannon-[Am] ball,  
I [G] did a cannon-[C] gball

Chorus Twice