

Swimming Song (The)

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

This [G] summer I [D] did the [G] backstroke
And you [D] know 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 [D] 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

This [G] 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-[Em]ball,
I [D] did a cannon-[G]ball

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