

Swimming Song, The

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Key: C

Time: 4 / 4

Intro: [C5] [C5] [C5] [C5]

This [C5//] summer [Csus4//] I went [C] swimming

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

This [C5//] summer I [Csus4//] swam in the [C] ocean

And I [G] swam in a swimming [Am] pool

[Am] Salt my wounds, chlo-[F]rine my eyes

I'm a [G] self-destructive [Am] fool, I'm a [G] self-destructive [C] fool [C]

[C5//] [Csus4//] [C] [G] [Am] [Am] [F] [G] [Am] [G] [C] [C]

This [C5//] summer I [Csus4//] did the [C] backstroke

And you [G] know that is 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 [C]

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 [C]

[C5//] [Csus4//] [C] [G] [Am] [Am] [F] [G] [Am] [G] [C] [C]

This [C5//] summer [Csus4//] I did [C]swan dive

And [G] jackknives for you all [Am]

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

I [G] did a cannon-[Am]ball, I [G] did a cannon-[C]ball [C]

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