

The Swimming Song

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^G This summer ^D I went ^G swimming
^D This summer I might have ^{Em} drowned
^{Em} But I held my breath and I ^C kicked my feet
^D And I moved my arms around, I moved my arms
^G around

^G This summer I swam in the ^D ocean
^D And I swam in a swimming ^{Em} pool
^{Em} Salt my wounds, chlorine my ^C eyes
^D I'm a self-destructive fool, I'm a self-destructive ^D fool
^G

^G ^D ^G
^D ^{Em}
^{Em} ^C ^D ^{Em}
^D ^G

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

^G This summer I swam in a ^D public place
^D And a reservoir, to boot ^{Em}
^{Em} At the latter I was ^C informal
^D At the former I wore my ^{Em} suit, I wore my swimming ^D
^G suit

^G ^D ^G
^D ^{Em}
^{Em} ^C ^D ^{Em}
^D ^G

^G This summer I did ^D swan ^G dives
^D And jackknives for you all ^{Em}
^{Em} And once when you weren't ^C looking
^D I did a cannonball, I did a cannonball ^G

^G This summer I went ^D swimming
^D This summer I might have ^{Em} drowned
^{Em} But I held my breath and I ^C kicked my feet

^D And I moved my arms ^{Em} around
^D I moved my arms ^G around

^G ^D ^G
^D ^{Em}
^{Em} ^C ^D ^{Em}
^D ^G

