

## The Swimming Song (Loudon Wainwright III)

### Chorus:

**C**  
 This summer I went swimming,  
**G7** **Am**  
 This summer I might have drowned  
**F** **C**  
 But I held my breath and I kicked my feet  
**G7** **Am**  
 And I moved my arms around,  
**G7** **C**  
 I moved my arms around.

**C**  
 This summer I swam in the ocean,  
**G7** **Am**  
 And I swam in a swimming pool,  
**F** **C**  
 Salt my wounds, chlorine my eyes,  
**G7** **Am**  
 I'm a self-destructive fool,  
**G7** **C**  
 A self-destructive fool.

### (Chorus)

**C**  
 This summer I did the backstroke  
**G7** **Am**  
 And you know that's not all  
**F** **C**  
 I did the breast stroke and the butterfly  
**G7** **Am**  
 And the old Australian crawl,  
**G7** **C**  
 The old Australian crawl.

**C**  
 This summer I swam in a public place  
**G7** **Am**  
 And a reservoir, to boot,  
**F** **C**  
 At the latter I was informal,  
**G7** **Am**  
 At the former I wore my suit,  
**G7** **C**  
 I wore my swimming suit.

**C**  
 This summer I did swan dives  
**G7** **Am**  
 And jackknives for you all  
**F** **C**  
 And once when you weren't looking  
**G7** **Am** **G7** **C**  
 I did a cannonball, I did a cannonball.

### (Chorus)

### Instrumental verse

