

Swimming Song
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The Swimming Song
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This summer I went swimming

Dsus2 **Em**

THis summer I might have drowned

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But I held my breath and I kicked my feet

Dsus2 **Em**

And I moved my arms around.

D7 **G**

I moved my arms around.

This summer I swam in the ocean
Swam in the swimming pool
Salt in my wounds, chlorine in my eyes,
I m a self-destructive fool,
Self-destructive fool.

[Break]

This summer I did the backstroke,
And you know that thats not all.
I did the breast stroke and the butterfly,
And the old Australian crawl,
The old Australian crawl.

This summer I swam in a public place and a reservoir to boot,
At the latter I was informal,
At the former I wore my suit,
I wore my swimming suit.

[Break]

This summer I did swan dives and
Jack knives for you all.
And once when you weren t looking
I did a cannonball
I did a cannonball.

This summer I went swimming
THis summer I might have drowned
But I held my breath and I kicked my feet
And I moved my arms around.
I moved my arms around.