

The Swimming Song
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Capo on 2nd Fret

Intro:

G Em C D7 G

G

This summer I went swimming,

Em

This summer I might have drowned

C

But I held my breath and I kicked my feet

D7

G

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And I moved my arms around, I moved my arms around.

(Repeat Chord structure)

This summer I swam in the ocean,

And I swam in a swimming pool,

Salt my wounds, chlorine my eyes,

I m a self-destructive fool, a self-destructive fool.

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.

This summer I did the backstroke

And you know that s not all

I did the breast stroke and the butterfly

And the old Australian crawl, the old Australian crawl.

This summer I did swan dives

And jackknives for you all

And once when you weren t looking

I did a cannonball, I did a cannonball.