

Effervescing Elephant

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G **G7**
An effervescing elephant with tiny eyes and great big trunk
C **C7**
once whispered to the tiny ear, the ear of one in fear, you hear
G
that by next June he d die, Oh yeah!

D
And the tiger would roam, the little one said,
D7
Oh my goodness -- I must stay at home!

G **G7**
And every time I hear a growl, I ll know the tiger s on the prowl,
C **C7**
And I ll be really safe, you know, the elephant, he told me so.

G
Everyone was nervous, Oh yeah!

D **D7**
And the message was spread to zebra, mongoose and the dirty hippopotamus
G **G7**
who wallowed in the mud and chewed his spicy hippo-plankton food
C
and tended to ignore the word,
C7 **G**
referring to a survey I heard of stupid water bison

D
Oh yeah! And all the jungle took fright,
D7
and ran around for all the day and the night,
G
But all in vain because, you see, the tiger came and said,
G7 **C**
Who me? You know I wouldn t hurt not one of you --
C **G**
I much prefer something to chew, and you re all too scant.

C **D** **G**
Oh yeah! He ate the elephant.