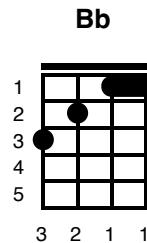
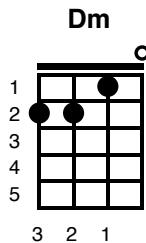
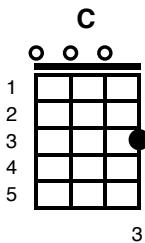
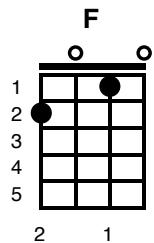


# The Swimming Song

Loudon Wainwright III, 1973

Key of F



## Intro:

|[F] · · · | [C] · [Dm] · | [Dm] · · |  
|[C] · [Dm] · | [C] · [F] |

This [F]summer [Bb]I went [F]swimming  
This [C]summer I might have [Dm]drowned  
But I held my breath and I kicked my feet  
And I [C]moved my arms a-[Dm]round.  
I [C]moved my arms a-[F]round.

This [F]summer I [Bb]swam in the [F]ocean  
and I [C]swam in the swimming [Dm]pool  
Salt in my wounds, chlorine in my eyes,  
I'm a [C] self-destructive [Dm]fool,  
I'm a [C]self-destructive [F]fool.

## Instrumental break 1

|[F] · · · | [C] · [Dm] · | · · · |  
|[C] · [Dm] · | [C] · [F] |

[F]This summer I [Bb]did the [F]backstroke,  
And you [C]know that that's not [Dm]all.  
I did the breaststroke and the butterfly,  
And the [C]old Australian [Dm]crawl,  
The [C]old Australian [F]crawl.

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

## Instrumental break 2

I [F] · · · I [C] · [Dm] · I · · · I  
I [C] · [Dm] · I [C] · [F] I

[F]This summer [Bb]I did [F]swan dives  
and [C]jackknives for you [Dm]all.  
And once when you weren't looking  
I [C]did a cannon-[Dm]ball  
I [C]did a cannon-[F]ball.

This [F]summer [Bb]I went [F]swimming  
This [C]summer I might have [Dm]drowned  
But I held my breath and I kicked my feet  
And I [C]moved my arms a-[Dm]round.  
I [C]moved my arms a-[F]round.

## Outro

I [F] · · · I [C] · [Dm] · I · · · I  
I [C] · [Dm] · I [C] · [F] I

Tab of the break at

<http://ukulelehunt.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/SwimmingSong.pdf>