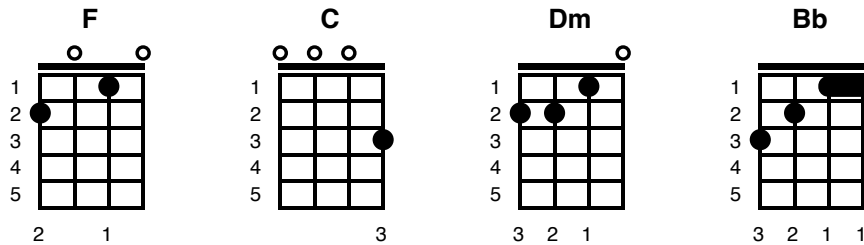


The Swimming Song

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

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

[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

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

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