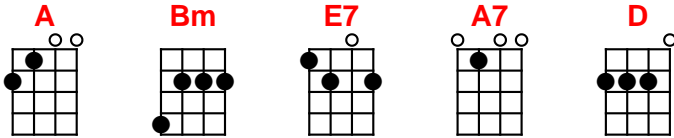


# The Unicorn

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Instrumental Intro (verse 1):

[A] A long time ago when the [Bm] Earth was green  
And there was [E7] more kinds of animals than [A] you've ever seen  
They [A] ran around [A7] free while the [D] Earth was being born  
But the [A] loveliest of all was the [E7] uni [A] corn.

Verse 1:

[A] A long time ago when the [Bm] Earth was green  
There was [E7] more kinds of animals than [A] you've ever seen  
They'd [A] run around [A7] free while the [D] Earth was being born  
But the [A] loveliest of all was the [E7] uni [A] corn.

Chorus 1:

There were [A] green alligators and [Bm] long-necked geese  
Some [E7] humpty-back camels and some [A] chimpanzees  
Some [A] cats and rats and [A7] elephants, but [D] sure as you're born  
The [A] loveliest of all was the [E7] uni [A] corn.

Verse 2:

Now [A] God saw some sinning and it [Bm] gave Him pain  
And He [E7] says, "Stand back, I'm going to [A] make it rain"  
He says, [A] "Hey brother [A7] Noah, I'll [D] tell you what to do"  
"Pick some [A] animals and build me a [E7] floating [A] zoo."

Chorus 2:

Get some [A] green alligators and [Bm] long-necked geese  
Some [E7] humpty-back camels and some [A] chimpanzees  
Some [A] cats and rats and [A7] elephants, but [D] sure as you're born  
[A] Don't you forget my [E7] uni [A] corn.

Verse 3:

Old [A] Noah was there to [Bm] answer the call  
He [E7] finished up the ark as the [A] rain started falling  
He [A] marched in the [A7] animals [D] two by two  
And [A] he called out as [E7] they went [A] through,

Chorus 3:

" I got your [A] green alligators and [Bm] long-necked geese  
Some [E7] humpy-back camels and some [A] chimpanzees  
Some [A] cats and rats and [A7] elephants, but [D] Lord I'm so forlorn  
I [A] just can't see one [E7] uni [A] corn."

Verse 4:

[A] Noah looked out through the [Bm] driving rain  
The [E7] unicorns were hiding, playing [A] silly games  
[A] Kicking and [A7] splashing while the [D] rain was pouring  
[A] Oh, those silly [E7] uni [A] corns

Chorus 4

There were [A] green alligators and [Bm] long-necked geese

Some [E7] humpy-back camels and some [A] chimpanzees  
[A] Noah closed the [A7] door, 'cause the [D] rain was pourin',  
Said,"We [A] just can't wait for the [E7] Uni [A] corn".

Verse 5:

The [A] ark started movin', it [Bm] drifted with the tide  
The [E7] unicorns looked up from the [A] rocks and they cried.  
The [A] waters came [A7] down and sort of [D] floated them away  
And [A] that's why you'll never seen a [E7] unicorn to [A] day.

Chorus 5:

You'll see [A] green alligators and [Bm] long-necked geese  
Some [E7] humpy-back camels and some [A] chimpanzees  
Some [A] cats and rats and [A7] elephants, but [D] sure as you're born  
You're [A] never gonna see a [E7] uni [A] corn.

Instrumental Outro (last line chorus):

You're [A] never gonna see a [E7] uni [A] corn.