

**The Swimming Song by Loudon
Wainwright III** (1973)

Capo 2

G
This summer I went swimming

Dsus2 Em
This summer I might have drowned

C
But I held my breath and I kicked my feet

Dsus2 Em
And I moved my arms around.

D7 G
I moved my arms around.

G
This summer I swam in the ocean

Dsus2 Em
Swam in the swimming pool

C
Salt in my wounds, chlorine in my eyes,

Dsus2 Em
I'm a self-destructive fool,

D7 G
Self-destructive fool.

[Break] G Dsus2 Em Em C Dsus2 Em D7
G

G
This summer I did the backstroke,

Dsus2 Em
And you know that that's not all.

C
I did the breast stroke and the butterfly,

Dsus2 Em
And the old Australian crawl,

D7 G
The old Australian crawl.

G
This summer I swam in a public place

Dsus2 Em
and a reservoir to boot,

C
At the latter I was informal,

Dsus2 Em
At the former I wore my suit,

D7 G
I wore my swimming suit.

[Break] Repeat progression

G
This summer I did swan dives and

Dsus2 Em
Jack knives for you all.

C
And once when you weren't looking

Dsus2 Em
I did a cannonball

D7 G
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NO CAPO

A

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F#m

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Esus2

F#m

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E7

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[Break] A Esus2 F#m F#m D Esus2 F#m

E7 A

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