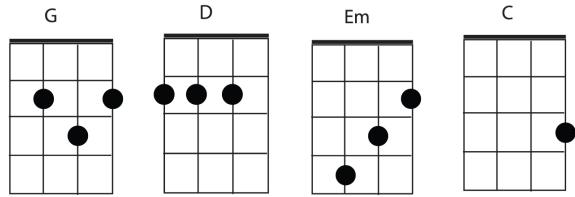


# The Swimming Song

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**G** **D** **Em**  
 This summer I went swimming, this summer I might have drowned.

**Em** **C** **D** **Em** **D** **G**  
 But I held my breath and I kicked my feet and I moved my arms around. I moved my arms around.

**G** **D** **Em**  
 This summer I swam in the ocean, swam in the swimming pool.

**Em** **C** **D** **Em** **D** **G**  
 Salt in my wounds, chlorine in my eyes, I'm a self-destructive fool. A self-destructive fool.

## BREAK

**G** --- **G** --- **D** --- **Em** --- **Em** --- **C** --- **D** --- **Em** --- **D** --- **G** ---

**G** **D** **Em**  
 This summer I did the backstroke, and you know that that's not all.

**Em** **C** **D** **Em** **D** **G**  
 I did the breast stroke and the butterfly, and the old Australian crawl. The old Australian crawl.

**G** **D** **Em**  
 This summer I swam in a public place and a reservoir to boot.

**Em** **C** **D** **Em** **D** **G**  
 At the latter I was informal, at the former I wore my suit. I wore my swimming suit.

## BREAK

**G** --- **G** --- **D** --- **Em** --- **Em** --- **C** --- **D** --- **Em** --- **D** --- **G** ---

**G** **D** **Em**  
 This summer I did swan dives and jack knives for you all.

**Em** **C** **D** **Em** **D** **G**  
 And once when you weren't looking, I did a cannonball. I did a cannonball.

**G** **D** **Em**  
 This summer I went swimming, this summer I might have drowned.

**Em** **C** **D** **Em** **D** **G/**  
 But I held my breath and I kicked my feet and I moved my arms around. I moved my arms around.