

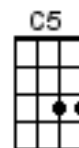
The Swimming Song

(Loudon Wainwright III, 1973)

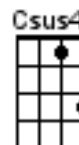
4/4 Time

[C5] [C5] [C5] [C5] [C5/] [Csus4/] [C] [G] [Am] [Am] [Csus4] [G] [Am] [G] [C]

This [C5/] summer [Csus4/] I went [C] swimming
This [G] summer I might have [Am] drowned
But I [Am] held my breath and I [Csus4] kicked my feet
And I [G] moved my arms a-[Am]round
I [G] moved my arms a-[C]round



This [C5/] summer I [Csus4/] swam in the [C] ocean
And I [G] swam in a swimming [Am] pool
[Am] Salt my wounds, chlor-[Csus4]ined my eyes
I'm a [G] self-destructive [Am] fool
I'm a [G] self-destructive [C] fool



[C5/] [Csus4/] [C] [G] [Am] [Am] [Csus4] [G] [Am] [G] [C]

This [C5/] summer I [Csus4/] did the [C] back stroke
And you [G] know that that's not [Am] all
I [Am] did the breast stroke and the [Csus4] butterfly
And the [G] old Australian [Am] crawl
The [G] old Australian [C] crawl

This [C5/] summer I [Csus4/] swam in a [C] public place
And a [G] reservoir to [Am] boot
At the [Am] latter I was in-[Csus4]formal
At the [G] former I wore my [Am] suit
I [G] wore my swimming [C] suit

[C5/] [Csus4/] [C] [G] [Am] [Am] [Csus4] [G] [Am] [G] [C]

Oh, this [C5/] summer [Csus4/] I did [C] swan dives
And [G] jack-knives for you [Am] all
And [Am] once when you weren't [Csus4] looking
I [G] did a cannon-[Am]ball
I [G] did a cannon-[C]ball

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But I [Am] held my breath and I [Csus4] kicked my feet
And I [G] moved my arms a-[Am]round
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