

The Swimming Song

Loudon Wainwright III 1973 (as recorded by Kate & Anna McGarrigle)

INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [C5] / [C5] / [C5] / [C5]

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This [C5] summer I [Csus4] did the [C] back stroke
And you [G] know that that's not [Am] all
I did the [Am] breast stroke and the [F] butterfly
And the [G] old Australian [Am] crawl
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And a [G] reservoir to [Am] boot
At the [Am] latter I was in-[F]ormal
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I [G] wore my swimming [C] suit, yeah

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