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"The swimming song"

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This summer I went swimming
This summer I almost drowned
But I held my breath
And I kicked my feet
And I moved my arms around
I moved my arms around

This summer I swam in the ocean
I swam in a swimming pool
Salt my wounds, chlorined my eyes
I'm a self destructive fool
I'm a self destructive fool
This summer I did the backstroke
And you know that that's not all
I did the breaststroke and the butterfly
And the old Australian crawl
The old Australian crawl

This summer I swam in a public place
And a reservoir to boot
At the latter I was informal
At the former I wore my suit
I wore my swimming suit

This summer I did swan dives
And jack-knives for you all
And once when you weren't looking
I did a cannonball
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