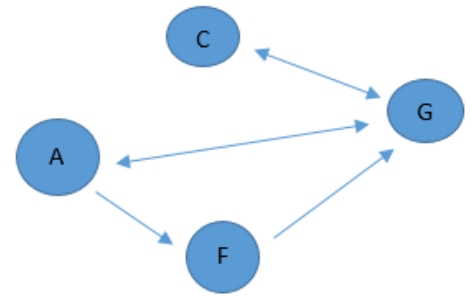


The Swimming Song

by Loudon Wainright III. 1973 (in C)

C G C
This Summer I went swimming
G Am
This Summer I might have drowned
Am F
But I held my breath and I kicked my feet
G Am G C
And I moved my arms around, I moved my arms around



This summer I swam in the ocean
And I swam in a swimming pool
Salt my wounds, chlorine my eyes
I'm a self-destructive fool, I'm a self-destructive fool

This summer I did the backstroke
And you know that's not all
I did the breast stroke 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

Option: Play this riff during the instrumental

C G C G Am Am F G Am G C
A | -10-10--8-8-8--7----- | -5-5-7.5.3-0----- | -0-0-3-3-5---3--- | -5-5-3.5.3-0----- | -5-5-7.5.3-3----- |
p m i m p m i - m m

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

p = pinkie
m = middle finger
i = index finger

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

Repeat Instrumental