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**Intro (last line of chorus) C Dm G C**

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| **C Dm**  A long time ago when the earth was green,  **G C**  There were more kinds of animals than you've ever seen.  **C Dm**  They'd run around free while the earth was being born,  **C Dm G C**  But the loveliest of them all was the un - i - corn.  *There was . . .*  **C Dm**  Green alligators and long-necked geese.  **G C**  Some humpty back camels and some chimpanzees.  **C Dm**  Some cats and rats and elephants but sure as you're  **C Dm G C**  born,  The loveliest of all was the un - i - corn.  **C Dm**  Now God seen some sinnin' and it gave him pain  **G C**  And he says “Stand back - I'm gonna make it rain!”  **C Dm**  He says “Hey brother Noah, I'll tell you what to do,  **C Dm G C**  Build me a float - ing zoo . . .and take some of them”  **C Dm**  Green alligators and long-necked geese.  **G C**  Some humpty back camels and some chimpanzees.  **C Dm**  Some cats and rats and elephants but sure as you're  **C Dm G C**  born,  Don’t you forget my un - i - corns.  **C Dm**  Old Noah was there to answer the call  **G C**  He finished up making the ark just as the rain started  **C Dm**  fallin’.  He marched in the animals two by two  **C Dm G C**  And he called out as they went through . . .  *“Hey Lord I’ve got your”*  **C Dm**  Green alligators and long-necked geese.  **G C**  Some humpty back camels and some chimpanzees.  **C Dm**  Some cats and rats and elephants, but Lord I’m so forlorn  **C Dm G C**  I just can't see no un - i - corns." | **C Dm**  Then Noah looked out through the driving rain,  **G C**  Them unicorns were hiding, playing silly games,  **C Dm**  Kicking and spashing while the rain was pouring  **C Dm G C**  Oh them silly un - i - corns. There was …  **C Dm**  Green alligators and long-necked geese.  **G C**  Some humpty back camels and some chimpanzees.  **C Dm**  Noah cried “Close the door cause the rain is pourin’  **C Dm G C**  And we just can’t wait for those un - i - corns.”  **C Dm**  The ark started moving, it drifted with the tide,  **G C**  Them unicorns looked up from the rock and they cried,  **C Dm**  And the waters came down and sort of floated them away,  **[Spoken]**  *And that's why you've never seen a unicorn*  *to this very day . . . You’ll see”*  **C Dm**  Green alligators and long-necked geese.  **G C**  Some humpty back camels and some chimpanzees.  **C Dm**  Some cats and rats and elephants, but sure as you're  **C Dm G C**  born  You're never gonna see no un - i - corns." | | | |
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