

# The Unicorn (Shel Silverstein, 1962)

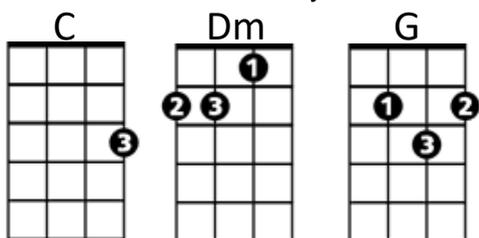
**C** **Dm**  
A long time ago, when the Earth was green  
**G** **C**  
There was more kinds of animals than you've ever  
seen  
**C** **Dm**  
They'd run around free while the Earth was being born  
**C** **Dm G C**  
And the loveliest of all was the un - i - corn

**C** **Dm**  
There was green alligators and long-necked geese  
**G** **C**  
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees  
**C**  
Some cats and rats and elephants,  
**Dm**  
But sure as you're born  
**C** **Dm G C**  
The loveliest of all was the un - i - corn

**C** **Dm**  
The Lord seen some sinning and it gave Him pain  
**G** **C**  
And He says, "Stand back, I'm going to 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 those...

**C** **Dm**  
Green alligators and long-necked geese  
**G** **C**  
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees  
**C**  
Some cats and rats and elephants,  
**Dm**  
But sure as you're born  
**C** **Dm G C**  
Don't you forget my un - i - corns

**C** **Dm**  
Old Noah was there to answer the call  
**G** **C**  
He finished up the ark just as the rain began to fall  
**C** **Dm**  
He marched in the animals two by two  
**C** **Dm G C**  
And he called out as they came through - Hey Lord,



**C** **Dm**  
I've got your green alligators and long-necked geese  
**G** **C**  
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees  
**C**  
Some cats and rats and elephants,  
**Dm**  
But Lord, I'm so forlorn  
**C** **Dm G C**  
I just can't find no un - i - corns"

**C** **Dm**  
And Noah looked out through the driving rain  
**G** **C**  
Them unicorns were hiding, playing silly games  
**C** **Dm**  
Kicking and splashing while the rain was falling  
**C** **Dm G C**  
Oh, them silly un - i - corns

**C** **Dm**  
There was green alligators and long-necked geese  
**G** **C**  
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees  
**C** **Dm**  
Noah cried, "Close the door because the rain is falling  
**C** **Dm G C**  
And we just can't wait for no un - i - corns"

**C** **Dm**  
The ark started moving, it drifted with the tide  
**G** **C**  
The unicorns looked up from the rocks and they cried  
**C**  
And the waters came down  
**Dm**  
And sort of floated them away  
**TACET**  
That's why you never see unicorns to this very day

**C** **Dm**  
You'll see green alligators and long-necked geese  
**G** **C**  
Some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees  
**C**  
Some cats and rats and elephants,  
**Dm**  
But sure as you're born  
**C** **Dm G C**  
You're never gonna see no un - i - corns

(Repeat last chorus)

