



Version 1

The Unicorn (Shel Silverstein, 1962) (C)

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Intro Single Strum of C

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

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(Repeat last Chorus)

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