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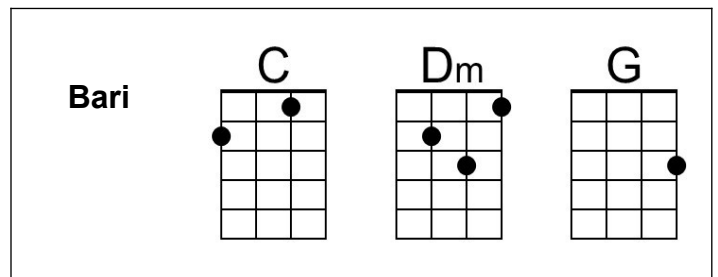
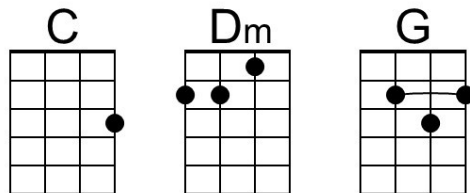
**Intro (last line of chorus)** C Dm G C

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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  
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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"  
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C Dm G C  
Don't you forget my un - i - corns. born,

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"*  
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