

Version 2

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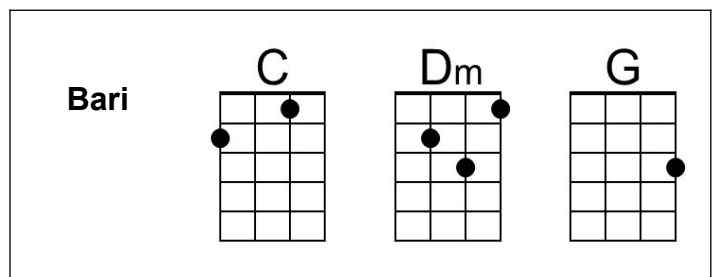
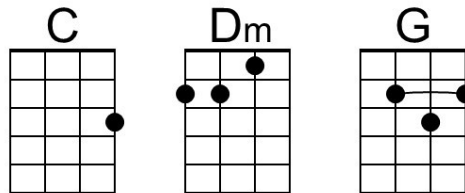
C Dm
A long time ago when the earth was green,
G C
There were more kinds of animals than you've ever seen.
C Dm
They'd run around free while the earth was being born,
C Dm G C
But the loveliest of them all was the un - i - corn.
There was . . .
C Dm
Green alligators and long-necked geese.
G C
Some humpty back camels and some chimpanzees.
C Dm
Some cats and rats and elephants but sure as you're
C Dm G C
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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"
C Dm
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G C
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C Dm
Some cats and rats and elephants but sure as you're
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 making the ark just as the rain started
C Dm
He marched in the animals two by two fallin'.
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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