

THE UNICORN SONG 1968 Shel Silverstein

A big hit for The Irish Rovers, a hugely popular Irish-Canadian Group. Heard regularly in Irish pubs, the lyrics were originally in Silverstein's book of poetry for children: Where The Sidewalk Ends.

4 beats/chord unless noted. 1,2,3,4 1,2,3,4 G// D// G///~

A **(G)** long time ago, when the **(Am)** Earth was green,
There was **(D)** more kinds of animals, than **(G)** you've ever seen.
They'd **(G)** run around free, while the **(Am)** Earth was bein' born,
And the **(G)**loveliest of them all, was the **(Am/)**U- **(D/)**- ni- **(G/)**corn.

There was **(G)**green alligators, and **(Am)**long-necked geese,
Some **(D)**humpty-backed camels and some **(G)**chimpanzees.
Some **(G)** cats and rats and elephants, but **(Am)** sure as you're born,
The **(G)**loveliest of all was the **(Am/)** U- **(D/)** ni- **(G/)**corn.

Now **(G)**God seen some sinning, and it **(Am)**gave Him pain,
And He **(D)** says, "Stand back, I'm going to **(G)**make it rain".
He says, **(G)**"Hey, brother Noah, I'll **(Am)**tell you what to do:
(G)Build me a **(Am/)**floa- **(D/)**ting **(G/)**zoo. . . and take some of those

(G)Green alligators, and **(Am)**long-necked geese,
Some **(D)**humpty-backed camels and some **(G)**chimpanzees.
Some **(G)**cats and rats and elephants, but **(Am)**sure as you're born,
(G)Don't you forget my **(Am/)**U- **(D/)**ni- **(G/)**corns.

Old **(G)**Noah was there, to **(Am)**answer the call,
He **(D)**finished makin' the Ark as the **(G)**rain started fallin'.
He **(G)**marched the animals **(Am)**two by two,
And he **(G)**called out as **(Am/)**they **(D/)**went **(G/)**through: "Hey Lord:"

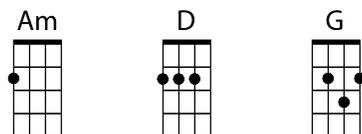
"I've got your **(G)**green alligators, and **(Am)**long-necked geese,
Some **(D)**humpty-backed camels and some **(G)**chimpanzees.
Some **(G)**cats and rats and elephants, but **(Am)**Lord, I'm so forlorn,
I **(G)**just can't see no **(Am/)**U- **(D/)**ni- **(G/)**corns."

Then **(G)**Noah looked out through the **(Am)**driving rain:
 Them **(D)**unicorns were hiding, **(G)**playing silly games.
(G)Kicking and splashing while the **(Am)**rain was pourin',
(G)All of them silly **(Am//)**U- **(D//)**ni- **(G//)**corns.

The **(G)**ark started moving, it **(Am)**drifted with the tide,
 The **(D)**Unicorns looked up from the **(G)**rocks and they cried!
 And the **(G)**waters came down and sort of **(Am)**floated them away,
 (SPOKEN):
 THAT'S WHY YOU NEVER SEEN A UNICORN TO THIS VERY DAY.

YOU'LL SEE:

(G)Green alligators, and **(Am)**long-necked geese,
 Some **(D)**humpty-backed camels and some **(G)**chimpanzees.
 Some **(G)**cats and rats and elephants, but **(Am)** sure as you're born,
 You're **(G)**never gonna see no **(Am//)**U- **(D//)**ni- **(G//)**corns.



Ottawa's Bytown Ukulele Group (BUG) version;
 strum and other clarifications added by Linda Zielinski (F.U.N.) 3/2/18