

Swinging on a Star

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E7 A7 D7 G
Would you like to swing on a star? Carry moonbeams home in a jar
E7 A7 D7 G
And be better off than you are or would you rather be a mule / pig / fish?

G// C// G// C// G// C// G
A mule is an animal with long funny ears, he kicks up at anything he hears
A7 D7 A7 D7
His back is brawny and his brain is weak. He's just plain stupid with a stubborn streak
G// C// G// E7// A7// D7// G
And by the way if you hate to go to school you may grow up to be a mule

<Chorus>

G// C// G// C// G// C// G
A pig is an animal with dirt on his face. His shoes are a terrible disgrace
A7 D7 A7 D7
He's got no manners when he eats his food. He's fat and lazy and extremely rude
G// C// G// E7// A7// D7// G
But if you don't care a feather or a fig you may grow up to be a pig

<Chorus>

G// C// G// C// G// C// G
A fish won't do anything but swim in a brook. He can't write his name or read a book
A7 D7 A7 D7
And to fool the people is his only thought, though he's slippery he still gets caught
G// C// G// E7// A7// D7// G
But then if that sort of life is what you wish you may grow up to be a fish

E7 A7 D7 G
All the monkeys aren't in the zoo. Every day you meet quite a few
E7 A7 D7 G// A7//
So you see it's all up to you. You can better than you are
D7 G// A7// D7 G
You could be swinging on a star You could be swinging on a star

