

## The Duck and the Kangaroo (Edward Lear)

### Verse 1

D

Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,  
G D  
‘Good gracious! how you hop!  
G D  
Over the fields and the water too,  
E7 A  
As if you never would stop!  
A7 D  
My life is a bore in this nasty pond,  
F#7 Bm  
And I long to go out in the world beyond!  
D  
I wish I could hop like you!’  
A7 D  
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

### Verse 2

D

Please give me a ride on your back!  
G D  
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.  
G  
I would sit quite still, and say nothing but “Quack,”  
E7 A  
The whole of the long day through!  
A7 D  
And we’d go to the Dee, and the Jelly Bo Lee,  
F#7 Bm  
Over land, and over the sea;—  
D  
Please take me a ride! O do!  
A7 D  
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

### Verse 3

D

Said the Kangaroo to the Duck,  
G D  
‘This requires some little reflection;  
G D  
Perhaps on the whole it might bring me luck,  
E7 A  
And there seems but one objection,  
A7 D  
Which is, if you’ll let me speak so bold,  
F#7 Bm  
Your feet are unpleasantly wet and cold,  
D  
And would probably give me the flu (roo-Matiz)!  
A7 D  
said the Kangaroo.

### Verse 4

D

Said the Duck, 'As I sate on the rocks,  
G D

I have thought over that completely,  
G D

And I bought four pairs of worsted socks  
E7 A

Which fit my web-feet neatly.

A7 D

And to keep out the cold I've bought a cloak,  
F#7 Bm

And every day a cigar I'll smoke,  
D

All to follow my own dear true

A7 D

Love of a Kangaroo!'

*Verse 5*

D

Said the Kangaroo to the Duck,  
G D

My dear old friend duck why,  
G D

If you wanted to see the world,  
E7 A

Couldn't you just fly?

A7 D

The Duck replied, 'How silly,  
F#7 Bm

I've two fine wings, it's true,  
D

But I could not fly through the evening sky,  
A D

weighted down by a Kangaroo!'

*Verse 6*

D

Said the Kangaroo, 'I'm ready!  
G

All in the moonlight pale;  
G D

But to balance me well, dear Duck, sit steady!  
E7 A

And quite at the end of my tail!'  
A7 D

So away they went with a hop and a bound,  
F#7 Bm

And they hopped the whole world three times round;  
D

And who so happy,—O who,  
A7 D

As the Duck and the Kangaroo?

D A7 D

And who so happy,—O who, as the Duck and the Kangaroo?