The Duck and the Kangaroo (Edward Lear)

Verse 1

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      C
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,
        F               C
  'Good gracious! how you hop!
F                   C
Over the fields and the water too,
     D7              G
  As if you never would stop!
   G7              C
My life is a bore in this nasty pond,
     E7             Am
And I long to go out in the world beyond!
     C
  I wish I could hop like you!'
          G7            C
  Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.
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Verse 2

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      C
Please give me a ride on your back!
          F             C
  Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.
        F
I would sit quite still, and say nothing but "Quack,"
     D7                 G
  The whole of the long day through!
       G7               C
And we'd go to the Dee, and the Jelly Bo Lee,
     E7             Am
Over land, and over the sea;—
        C
  Please take me a ride! O do!'
          G7            C
  Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.
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Verse 3

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      C
Said the Kangaroo to the Duck,
        F             C
  'This requires some little reflection;
  F                 C
Perhaps on the whole it might bring me luck,
          D7            G
  And there seems but one objection,
       G7           C
Which is, if you'll let me speak so bold,
     E7              Am
Your feet are unpleasantly wet and cold,
          C
And would probably give me the flu (roo-Matiz)!
G7           C
 said the Kangaroo.
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Verse 4

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Said the Duck, 'As I sate on the rocks,
          F   *C*
  I have thought over that completely,
      F   *C*
And I bought four pairs of worsted socks
          D7   *G*
  Which fit my web-feet neatly.
       G7   *C*
And to keep out the cold I've bought a cloak,
    E7   *Am*
And every day a cigar I'll smoke,
         C
  All to follow my own dear true
G7   *C*
  Love of a Kangaroo!'

Verse 5
       C
Said the Kangaroo to the Duck,
     F   *C*
  My dear old friend duck why,
     F   *C*
If you wanted to see the world,
 D7   *G*
  Couldn't you just fly?
  G7   *C*
The Duck replied, 'How silly,
     E7   *Am*
  I've two fine wings, it's true,
      C
  But I could not fly through the evening sky,
       G   *C*
  weighted down by a Kangaroo!'

Verse 6
       C
Said the Kangaroo, 'I'm ready!
         F
  All in the moonlight pale;
     F   *C*
But to balance me well, dear Duck, sit steady!
     D7   *G*
  And quite at the end of my tail!'
  G7   *C*
So away they went with a hop and a bound,
      E7   *Am*
And they hopped the whole world three times round;
     C
  And who so happy,—O who,
      G7   *C*
  As the Duck and the Kangaroo?

      C   *G7*   *C*
  And who so happy,—O who, as the Duck and the Kangaroo?

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