

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?