

## The Duck and the Kangaroo (Edward Lear)

### Verse 1

*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.

### Verse 2

*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.

### Verse 3

*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.

### Verse 4

*C*  
 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?