

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?