

The Unicorn Song

Irish Rovers / Shel Silverstein

First note "E"

A Bm E

A Bm
A long time ago when the earth was green
E A
There was more kinds of animals than you'd ever seen
A Bm
They'd run around free while the world was being born
A Bm E A
But the loveliest of them all was the un-i-corn

Chorus:

A Bm
There was green alligators and long necked geese
E A
Some humpy back camels and some chimpanzees
A Bm
Cats and rats and elephants but sure as you're born
A Bm E A
The loveliest of all was the un-i-corn

A Bm
But the Lord seen some sinnin' and it caused him pain
E A
He said "Stand back - I'm gonna make it rain
A Bm
So hey brother Noah, I'll tell you what to do,
A Bm E A
Build me a float-ing zoo."

A Bm
And you take two alligators and you take two geese
E A
Two hump back camels and two chimpanzees
A Bm
Two cats, two rats, two elephants but sure as you're born
A Bm E A
Noah, don't you forget my un-i-corn.

A Bm
Now Noah was there and he answered the callin'
E A
And he finished up the ark as the rain started fallin'
A Bm
And he marched in the animals two by two
A Bm E A
And he sung out as they went through

"Hey Lord, I got you two alligators and I got two geese
Two hump back camels and two chimpanzees
Two cats, two rats, two elephants but sure as you're born
Lord, I just don't see your un-i-corns."

Well, Noah looked out through the driving rain,
But the unicorns were hiding – playing silly games,
They were kickin' and a-spashin' while the rain was pourin'
Oh them foolish un-i-corns.

And you take two alligators and you take two geese
Two hump back camels and two chimpanzees
Two cats, two rats, two elephants but sure as you're born
Noah, don't you forget my un-i-corn.

And then the ark started moving and it drifted with the tide,
And the unicorns looked up from the rock and cried,
And the water came up and sort of floated them away,
That's why you've never seen a unicorn to this day.

"You'll see a lot of alligators and a whole mess of geese
You'll see hump back camels and chimpanzees
You'll see cats and rats and elephants but sure as you're born
You're never gonna see no un-i-corns."