

## **The Unicorn - Shel Silverstein (made popular by the Irish Rovers 1968)**

**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / [G] / [G]**

**Strum: ↓↓↑↑↓↑**

A [G] long time ago, when the [Am] Earth was green  
There was [D] more kinds of animals, than [G] you'd ever seen  
They'd [G] run around free, while the [Am] World was bein' born  
And the [D] loveliest of all was the u-[G]nicorn

### **CHORUS:**

There was [G] green alligators and [Am] long-necked geese  
Some [D] humpty-bumpy camels, and some [G] chimpanzees  
There were [G] cats and rats and elephants, but [Am] sure as you're born  
The [D] loveliest of all was the u-[G]nicorn

Now [G] the Lord seen some sinnin', and it [Am] caused Him pain  
And He [D] said, "Stand back, I'm goin' to [G] make it rain"  
He says [G] "Hey brother Noah, I'll [Am] tell you what to do  
You [D] go and build me a floa-[G]tin' zoo,  
[G]And take some of them.....

### **CHORUS:**

[G] Green alligators and [Am] long-necked geese  
Some [D] humpty-bumpy camels, and some [G] chimpanzees  
Some [G] cats and rats and elephants, but [Am] sure as you're born  
[D] Don't you forget my u-[G]nicorns

Old [G] Noah was there and he [Am] answered the calling  
He [D] finished up the ark, just as the [G] rain started fallin'  
He [G] marched in the animals [Am] two by two  
And he [D] called out as [G] they went through  
[G]"Hey Lord!.....

### **CHORUS:**

I got your [G] green alligators and [Am] long-necked geese  
Some [D] humpty-bumpy camels, and some [G] chimpanzees  
Some [G] cats and rats and elephants, but [Am] Lord, I'm so forlorn  
I [D] just can't see no u-[G]nicorns"

Then [G] Noah looked out, through the [Am] drivin' rain  
Them [D] unicorns were hidin' [G] playin' silly games  
[G] Kickin' and splashin' while the [Am] rain was pourin'  
[D] All them silly u-[G]nicorns

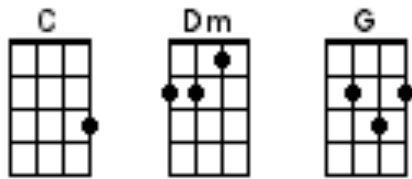
### **CHORUS:**

There was [G] green alligators and [Am] long-necked geese  
Some [D] humpty-bumpy camels, and some [G] chimpanzees  
Noah [G] cried, "Close the door 'cause the [Am] rain is pourin'  
[D] We just can't wait for no u-[G]nicorns"

The **[G]** ark started movin', it **[Am]** drifted with the tide  
The **[D]** unicorns looked up from the **[G]** rocks and they cried  
And the **[G]** waters came down and sort of **[Am]**↓ floated them away  
<**Spoken**> And that's why you've never seen a unicorn, to this very day...

**CHORUS:**

You'll see lots of **[G]** green alligators and **[Am]** long-necked geese  
Some **[D]** humpty-bumpy camels, and some **[G]** chimpanzees  
Some **[G]** cats and rats and elephants, but **[Am]** sure as you're born  
You'll **[D]** never see no u...ni...-**[G]**corns  
**[G]**↓ **[D]**↓ **[G]**↓



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