

## The Unicorn Song - Shel Silverstein, 1960.

Very first hit for **The Irish Rovers** on their very first record in 1966.

C Dm  
A long time ago when the earth was green  
G7 C  
There was more kinds of animals than you'd ever seen  
C Dm  
They'd run around free while the world was being born  
C Dm G7 C  
But the loveliest of them all was the u -ni—corn.



### First Chorus:

C Dm  
There was green alligators and long-necked geese  
G7 C  
Some humpy-back camels and chimpanzees  
C Dm  
Cats and rats and elephants, but sure as you're born  
C Dm G7 C  
The loveliest of all was the u-ni-corn.

C Dm  
The Lord seen some sinnin' and it caused Him pain  
G7 C  
He said, "Stand back! I'm gonna make it rain!  
C Dm  
So Hey, Brother Noah, I'll tell you what to do,  
C Dm G7 C  
Build me a float-ing zoo.  
C Dm  
And you take two alligators and a couple of geese,  
G7 C  
Two hump back camels and two chimpanzees  
C Dm  
Two cats, two rats, two elephants, but sure as your born  
C Dm G7 C  
Noah, don't you forget my u-- ni- corns!"



C Dm  
Now Noah was there and he answered the callin'  
G7 C  
And he finished up the ark as the rain started fallin'  
C Dm  
He marched in the animals two by two  
C Dm G7 C  
And he sung out as they went through

**"HEY LORD!**

**C** **Dm**  
I got you two alligators and a couple of geese,  
**G7** **C**  
Two hump back camels and two chimpanzees,  
**C** **Dm**  
Two cats, two rats, two elephants, but sure as I'm  
born  
**C** **Dm G7 C**  
I just can't find no u- ni- corns!"

**C** **Dm**  
Well, Noah looked out through the driving rain,  
**G7** **C**  
But the unicorns were hiding – playing silly games,  
**C** **Dm**  
They were kickin' and a-splashin' while the rain  
was pourin'  
**C** **Dm G7 C**  
Oh! Them foolish u- ni- corns!

**C** **Dm**  
There was green alligators and long-necked geese  
**G7** **C**  
Some humpy-back camels and chimpanzees  
**C** **Dm**  
Noah cried, "Close the door because the rain is  
pourin'  
**C** **Dm G7 C**  
And we just can't wait for the u- ni- corns!"

**C** **Dm**  
The ark started moving, and it drifted with the tide,  
**G7** **C**  
And the unicorns looked up from the rocks and  
they cried.  
**C** **Dm**  
The water came up and sort of floated them  
away..... **N.C.**

**Spoken:** That's why you've never seen a unicorn to  
this very day.

**ENDING: LAST CHORUS**

**C** **Dm**  
But you'll see green alligators and long-necked  
geese  
**G7** **C**  
You'll see hump back camels and chimpanzees  
**C** **Dm**  
You'll see cats and rats and elephants, but sure as  
you're born  
**C** **Dm G7 C**  
You're never gonna see no u- ni- corns.

