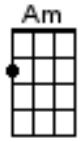
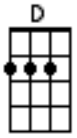
The Unicorn v4

Shel Silverstein 1962 (made popular by the Irish Rovers 1968)



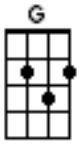
Intro: [G] [G]
Verse 1: A **[G]** long time ago, when the **[Am]** Earth was green
There was **[D]** more kinds of animals, than **[G]** you'd ever seen
They'd **[G]** run around free, while the **[Am]** Earth was bein' born
But the **[G]** loveliest of them all was the **[Am↓]** u-**[D↓]**ni-**[G]**corn **[G]**

Chorus: There was **[G]** green alligators and **[Am]** long-necked geese
Some **[D]** humpty-backed camels, and some **[G]** chimpanzees
Some **[G]** cats and rats and elephants, but **[Am]** sure as you're born
The **[G]** loveliest of all was the **[Am↓]** u-**[D↓]**ni-**[G]**corn **[G]**



Verse 2 (optional): Now **[G]** God seen some sinnin', and it **[Am]** gave Him
And He **[D]** says, "Stand back, I'm goin' to **[G]** make it rain"
He says **[G]** "Hey brother Noah, I'll **[Am]** tell you what to do
[G/Am] Build me a floatin' **[G]** zoo, and take some of them

Chorus (optional): **[G]** green alligators and **[Am]** long-necked geese
Some **[D]** humpty-backed camels, and some **[G]** chimpanzees
Some **[G]** cats and rats and elephants, but **[Am]** sure as you're born
The **[G]** loveliest of all was the **[Am↓]** u-**[D↓]**ni-**[G]**corn **[G]**



Verse 3: Old **[G]** Noah was there to **[Am]** answer the call
He **[D]** finished-up-makin'-the-ark, just as the **[G]** rain started fallin'
He **[G]** marched in the animals **[Am]** two by two
And he **[G/Am]** called out as they went **[G]** through, "Hey Lord!

Chorus: I got your **[G]** green alligators and **[Am]** long-necked geese
Some **[D]** humpty-backed camels, and some **[G]** chimpanzees
Some **[G]** cats and rats and elephants, but **[Am]** I'm so forlorn
I **[G]** just can't see no **[Am↓]** u-**[D↓]**ni-**[G]**corn **[G]**

Verse 4: 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'
[G] Oh them silly **[Am↓]** u-**[D↓]**ni-**[G]**corns **[G]**

Chorus: There was **[G]** green alligators and **[Am]** long-necked geese
Some **[D]** humpty-backed camels, and some **[G]** chimpanzees
Some **[G]** cats and rats and elephants, but **[Am]** sure as you're born
The **[G]** loveliest of all was the **[Am↓]** u-**[D↓]**ni-**[G]**corn **[G]**

Verse 5: 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-soft↓]** floated them away
< SPOKEN > And that's why you've never seen a unicorn, to this very day…

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