

The Unicorn

A long time ago when the Earth was green
There was more kinds of animals than you've ever seen
And they'd run around free while the world was being born
And the loveliest of all was the unicorn

There was green alligators and long-necked geese
Hump-back camels and chimpanzees
Cats and rats and elephants, but sure as you're born
The loveliest of all was the unicorn
But the unicorn

Lord seen some sinnin' and it caused him pain
He says, "Stand back, I'm gonna make it rain
So hey, Brother Noah, I'll tell you what to do
Go and build me a floating zoo"

"And you take two alligators and a couple of geese
The hump back camels and two chimpanzees
Two cats, two rats, two elephants, but sure as you're born
Noah, don't forget my unicorns"

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

"Hey Lord, I got you two alligators and a couple of 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 unicorns"

Well, Noah looked out through the drivin' rain
But the unicorns was hidin'—playin' silly games
They were kickin' and a-splashin' while the rain was pourin'
Oh them foolish unicorns

“And you take two alligators and a couple of geese
The hump back camels and two chimpanzees
Two cats, two rats, two elephants, but sure as you’re born
Noah, don’t forget my unicorns”

Then the ducks started duckin’ and the snakes started snakin’
And the elephants started elephantin’ and the boat started shakin’
The mice started squeakin’ and the lions started roarin’
And everyone’s aboard but them unicorns

I mean the two alligators and a couple of geese
The hump back camels and the chimpanzees
Noah cried, “Close the door ‘cause the rain is pourin’
And we just can’t wait for them unicorns”

And then the ark started movin’ 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 unicorn