

# SWINGING ON A STAR

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HEUSEN IN 1944  
FROM THE MOVIE  
"GOING MY WAY"

KEY: C

4/4 TIME

SWING FEEL

STARTING NOTE: E



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or 4

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or 2

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INTRO: D7// G7// C/// D7// G7// C///

WOULD YOU

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CHORUS 1: LIKE TO SWING ON A STAR? CARRY MOONBEAMS HOME IN A JAR. AND BE

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BETTER OFF THAN YOU ARE? OR WOULD YOU RATHER BE A MULE? A

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VERSE 1: MULE IS AN ANIMAL WITH LONG FUNNY EARS. HE KICKS UP AT ANYTHING HE

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HEARS. HIS BACK IS BRAWNY BUT HIS BRAIN IS WEAK. HE'S JUST PLAIN STUPID WITH A

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STUBBORN STREAK. AND BY THE WAY IF YOU HATE TO GO TO SCHOOL...

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YOU MAY GROW UP TO BE A MULE. OR WOULD YOU

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CHORUS 2: LIKE TO SWING ON A STAR? CARRY MOONBEAMS HOME IN A JAR. AND BE

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C / TACET

BETTER OFF THAN YOU ARE? OR WOULD YOU RATHER BE A FISH? A

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VERSE 2: FISH WON'T DO ANYTHING BUT SWIM IN A BROOK. HE CAN'T WRITE HIS NAME OR READ A

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BOOK. AND TO FOOL THE PEOPLE IS HIS ONLY THOUGHT. AND THOUGH HE'S SLIPPERY, HE

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STILL GETS CAUGHT. BUT THEN IF THAT SORT OF LIFE IS WHAT YOU WISH...

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YOU MAY GROW UP TO BE A FISH. AND ALL THE

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CHORUS 3 & END: MONKEYS AREN'T IN THE ZOO. EV'RY DAY YOU MEET QUITE A FEW. SO YOU

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C// A7//

SEE IT'S ALL UP TO YOU. YOU CAN BE BETTER THAN YOU ARE.

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C/ REST

YOU COULD BE SWINGING ON A STAR.

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