

Swinging on a Star

Composed by Jimmy Van Heusen and Johnny Burke
(as performed by Bing Crosby in "Going My Way", 1944)

[E7] Would you like to swing on a [A7] star,
[D7] Carry moonbeams home in a [G] jar,
And be [E7] better off than you [A7] are,
[D7] Or would you rather be a [G] mule?

A [G] mule is an [C] animal with [G] long floppy [C] ears
[G] He kicks up at [C] anything he [G] hears.
His back is [A7] brawny but his [D7] brain is weak
he's just [A7] plain stupid with a [D7] stubborn streak
and by the [G] way if you [C] hate [G] to go to [E7] school
[A7] You may grow [D7] up to be a [G] mule

[E7] Or would you like to swing on a [A7] star,
[D7] Carry moonbeams home in a [G] jar,
And be [E7] better off than you [A7] are,
[D7] Or would you rather be a [G] pig?

A [G] pig is an [C] animal with [G] dirt on his [C] face
His [G] shoes are a [C] terrible [G] disgrace
He has [A7] no manners when he [D7] eats his food
He's fat [A7] and lazy and [D7] extremely rude,
[G] But if you don't care [C] a feather [G] or a [E7] fig
[A7] you may grow [D7] up to be a [G] pig.

[E7] Or would you like to swing on a [A7] star,
[D7] Carry moonbeams home in a [G] jar,
And be [E7] better off than you [A7] are,
[D7] Or would you rather be a [G] fish?

A [G] fish won't do [C] anything but [G] swim in a [C] brook
He [G] can't write his [C] name or read a [G] book.
To fool the [A7] people is his [D7] only thought
and [A7] though he's slippery he still [D7] gets caught,
[G] but if then that sort [C] of life [G] is what you [E7] wish
[A7] you may grow [D7] up to be a [G] fish.

And all the [E7] monkeys aren't in the [A7] zoo
Every [D7] day you see quite a [G] few,
So you [E7] see it's all up to [A7] you,
[D7] You could be better than you [E7] are
[A7] You could be [D7] swinging on a [G] star.