

Little white duck



Written around 1950 by W. Barrows and B. Zaritzky.

It was made popular by both Burl Ives and Danny Kaye.

A good introduction to colour and also the realities of life!

This is a wonderful song for younger children to listen to and they will find it fun to join in with the pond life noises at the end of each verse.

The musical score is written on a grand staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "There's a lit - tle white duck sit - ting in the wa - ter, — A lit - tle white duck do - ing what he ough - ter, — He took a bite of a li - ly pad, Flapped his wings and he said, I'm glad I'm a lit - tle white duck sit - ting in the wa - ter, — Quack! Quack! Quack!" The chords are: D, A, A7, D, G, D, E, A7, D, D, A, A7, A, D.



There's a little green frog swimming in the water,
A little green frog doing what he oughter.
He jumped right off of the lily pad,
That the little duck bit and he said, 'I'm glad
I'm a little green frog swimming in the water,
Glug! Glug! Glug!

There's a little black bug floating on the water,
A little black bug doing what he oughter.
He tickled the frog on the lily pad,
That the little duck bit and he said, 'I'm glad
I'm a little black bug floating on the water,
Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

There's a little red snake playing on the water,
A little red snake doing what he oughter.
He frightened the duck and the frog so bad,
He ate the bug and he said, 'I'm glad
I'm a little red snake playing on the water,
Hiss! Hiss! Hiss!

Now there's nobody left sitting in the water,
Nobody left doing what he oughter.
There's nothing left but the lily pad,
The duck and the frog ran away, it's sad
'Cause there's nobody left sitting in the water,
Boo! Hoo! Hoo!