

# Alas I Cannot Swim

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Theres a house across the river  
but alas I cannot swim  
And a garden of such beauty  
that the flowers seem to grin  
Theres a house across the river  
but alas I cannot swim  
I'll live my life regretting that i never jumped in!Theres a boy across the river  
with short black curly hair  
He wants to be my lover  
and I want to be his peer  
Theres a boy across the river  
but alas I cannot swim  
And I never will get to put my arms around himTheres a life across the river  
that was meant for me  
instead I live my life in constant misery  
Theres a life across the river  
but I do not see  
why I should please those who will never be pleasedThere is gold across the river  
but I don't want none  
There is gold across the river  
but I don't want noneGold is fleeting, gold is fickle, gold is fun!  
Gold is fleeting, gold is fickle, gold is fun!There is gold across the river  
but I don't want none  
I would rather be dry  
then held up by a golden gunsaying  
Work more  
earn more  
live more  
have more fun!saying  
Work more  
earn more  
live more  
have more fun!saying  
Work more  
earn more  
live more  
have more fun!

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