Swinging On A Star

Words & Music by Johnny Burke & Jimmy Van Heusen
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From the 1944 movie "Going My Way," Academy Award Winner, Best Song

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

G C G C
A mule is an animal with long funny ears,
G C G
Kicks up at anything he hears.
A7 D
His back is brawny but his brain is weak,
A7 D D7
He's just plain stupid with a stubborn streak.
G C G
And by the way, if you hate to go to school,
D7 G
You could grow up to be a mule.

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

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

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

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

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