There once was an ugly duckling With feathers all stubby and brown And the other birds said in so many words

Get out of town

Get out, get out of town

And he went with a quack and a waddle and a quack

In a flurry of eiderdown

That poor little ugly duckling
Went wandering far and near
But at every place they said to his face

Now get out of here, get out, get out, get out of here And he went with a quack and a waddle and a quack And a very unhappy tear

All through the wintertime he hid himself away
Ashamed to show his face, afraid of what others might say
All through the winter in his lonely clump of wheat
Till a flock of swans spied him there and very soon agreed

You're a very fine swan indeed!
A swan? Me a swan? Ah, go on!
And he said yes, you're a swan
Take a look at yourself in the lake and you'll see
And he looked, and he saw, and he said
I am a swan! Whee!

I'm not such an ugly duckling
No feathers all stubby and brown
For in fact these birds in so many words said
The best in town, the best, the best
The best in town

Not a quack, not a quack, not a waddle or a quack But a glide and a whistle and a snowy white back And a head so noble and high Say who's an ugly duckling?

Not I!
Not I!