

# I WANT A HIPPOPOTAMUS FOR CHRISTMAS

By John Rox, 1953, Performed by Gayle Peevey

G Em G Em D  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas. Only a hippopotamus will do  
D7 D A D D7  
Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy. I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy

G Em G Em D  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas. I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?  
D7 D  
He won't have to use a dirty chimney flue.  
A D7  
Just bring him through the front door, that's the easy thing to do

[Refrain]

G7 C G7 C  
I can see me now on Christmas morning, creeping down the stairs  
D G  
Oh what joy and what surprise when I open up my eyes  
A7 D D7  
To see a hippo hero standing there  
G Em G Em D  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas. Only a hippopotamus will do  
D7 D A D  
No crocodiles, no rhinosaurs. I only like hippopotamuses  
A D G  
And hippopotamuses like me too!

Instrumental: G Em G G Em D

D7 D  
Mom says a hippo would eat me up but then  
A D7  
Teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian

Instrumental: G Em G G Em D

D  
There's lots of room for him in our two-car garage  
A A7 D D7  
I'd feed him there and wash him there and give him his massage

[Refrain]