

# I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas

Gayla Peevey (1953)

Key of G  
100 BPM in 4/4

First Sung Note:G

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oOzszFIBcE>

[G] /// /// [F#] [G] x2

I [G] want a hippopotamus for Christmas, only a hippopotamus will [D] do  
[D7] Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy  
I [A] want a hippopotamus to play with and en-[D7]-joy

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

I can [G7] see me now on [C] Christmas morning,  
[G7] Creeping down the [C] stairs  
Oh what [D7] joy and what surprise  
When I [G] open up my eyes  
To see a [A7] hippo hero [D] standing [D7] there

I [G] want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
Only a hippopotamus will [D] do  
[D7] No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses  
[A] I only like hippopota-[D]-muses  
And [A] hippopota-[D7]-muses like me [G] too

[G] / / / / [G] / / / /  
[G] / / / / [D] / / / /  
[D7] Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then  
[A] Teacher says a hippo is a vegetari-[D7]-an

[G] / / / / [G] / / / /  
[G] / / / / [D] / / / /  
There's [D7] lots of room for him in our two-car garage  
I'd [A] feed him there and wash him there and give him his mas-[D7]-sage

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[G7] Creeping down the [C] stairs  
Oh what [D7] joy and what surprise  
When I [G] open up my eyes  
To see a [A7] hippo hero [D] standing [D7] there

I [G] want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
 Only a hippopotamus will [D] do  
 [D7] No crocodiles or rhinoceros-ses  
 [A] I only like hippopota-[D7] mu-ses  
 And [A] hippopota-[D7]-muses like me [G] too!  
 [F#] [G]

