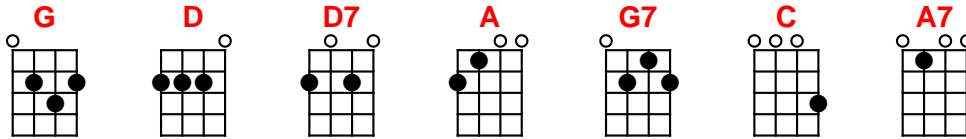


I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

John Rox; a big hit in 1953



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

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 [D7] easy thing to 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] Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then
[A] Teacher says a hippo is a [D7] vegetarian

I [G] want a hippopotamus for Christmas. Only a hippopotamus will [D] do
There's [D] lots of room for him in our two-car garage
I'd [A] feed him there and wash him there and [D7] give him his massage
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Oh, what [D7] joy and [C] what surprise, when I [G] open up my eyes
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I [G] want a hippopotamus for Christmas - Only a hippopotamus will [D] do
[D7] No crocodiles or rhinoceroses
[A7] I only like [D7] hippopota- [A7] muses And [D7] hippopota-muses like me [G] too!