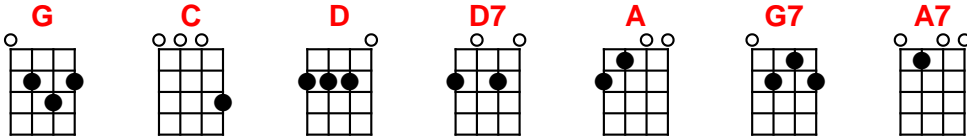


I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

John Rox; a big hit in 1953



G **C** **G**
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas.

C G **D**
Only a hippopotamus will do
D7

Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy

A
I want a hippopotamus

D **D7**
to play with and enjoy

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C G **D**
I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?
D7

He won't have to use our dirty chimney flue

A
Just bring him through the front door,

D **D7**
that's the easy thing to do

G7 **C**
I can see me now on Christmas morning,

G7 **C**
creeping down the stairs
D7

Oh what joy and what surprise,

G
when I open up my eyes

A7 **D** **D7**
to see a hippo hero standing there

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C G **D**
Only a hippopotamus will do

D7
Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then

A
Teacher says a hippo is

D D7
a vegetarian

G C G
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas.

C G D
Only a hippopotamus will do
D

There's lots of room for him in our two-car garage

A
I'd feed him there and wash him there

D D7
and give him his massage

G7 C
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G7 C
creeping down the stairs
D7

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G C G
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas.

C G D
Only a hippopotamus will do

D7
No crocodiles or rhinoceroses

A7 D D7
I only like hippopota- muses -

A D G C G C G C G
And hippopota- muses like me too!