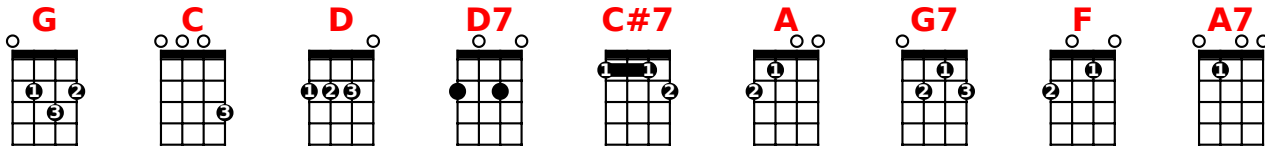


# I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

John Rox; a big hit in 1953



Intro:

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I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do [D] you?  
[D7] He won't have to use [C#7] our [D7] dirty chimney flue  
Just [A] bring him through the front door, [D] that's the easy thing to [D7] do.

I can [G7] see me now on [C] Christmas morning,  
[G7] creeping down the [C]stairs [F] [C]  
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[D7] Mom says the hippo [C#7] would [D7] eat me up, but then  
[A] Teacher says a hippo is a [D] vegetari- [D7] an.

I [G] want a hippopot- [C] amus for [G] Christmas. [C] [G] Only a hippopotamus will [D]do  
There's [D7] lots of room for [C#7] him [D7] in our two-car garage  
I'd [A7] feed him there and wash him there and [D] give him his mas- [D7] sage

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I [G] want a hippopota- [C] mus for [G] Christmas. [C] [G] Only a hippopotamus will [D] do  
[D7] No crocodiles [C#7] or [D7] rhinoceroses  
[A] I only like [D] hippopota- [D7] muses. And [A7] hippopota- [D] muses like me [G] too!  
[C] [G] [C] [G] [C] [G] Ta-da! [G]