

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas (Gayla Peevey) (1953)

G **D**
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas; Only a hippopotamus will do
D7
Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy;
A **D7** **D**
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy
G
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas;
D
I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?
D7
He won't have to use our dirty chimney flue
A **D7** **D**
Just bring him through the front door, that's the easy thing to do
G7 **C** **G7** **C**
I can see me now on Christmas morning, creeping down the stairs
D7 **G**
Oh what joy and what surprise, when I open up my eyes
A **D** **D7**
to see a hippo hero standing there
G **D**
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas; Only a hippopotamus will do
D7 **A7** **D7** **D**
No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses; I only like hippopotamuses
A7 **D7** **G**
And hippopotamuses like me too
[Interlude]: G G D (x2)
D7
Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then
A7 **D7** **D**
Teacher says a hippo is a vegeterian
[Interlude]: G G D (x2)
D7
There's lots of room for him in our two-car garage
A7 **D7** **D**
I'd feed him there and wash him there and give him his massage
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