

# I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

(John Rox, ca. 1953) – [I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas](#) by Gayla Peevey (1953)

**Intro** Strum in on C

**C**  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
**G**  
Only a hippopotamus will do  
**G7**  
Don't want a doll, no dinky tinker toy  
**D7** **G**  
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy

**C**  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
**G**  
I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?  
**G7**  
He won't have to use, a dirty chimney flue  
**D7**  
Just bring him through the front door  
**G**  
That's the easy thing to do

**Chorus**

**C7** **F**  
I can see me now on Christmas morning  
**C7** **F**  
Creeping down the stairs  
**G7**  
Oh what joy and what surprise  
**C**  
When I open up my eyes  
**D7** **G** **G7**  
To see a hippo hero standing there

**C**  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
**G**  
Only a hippopotamus will do  
**G7**  
No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses  
**D7** **G7**  
I only like - hippopotamuses  
**D7** **G7** **C**  
And hippopotamuses like me too

**Instrumental first two lines of verse** **C G**

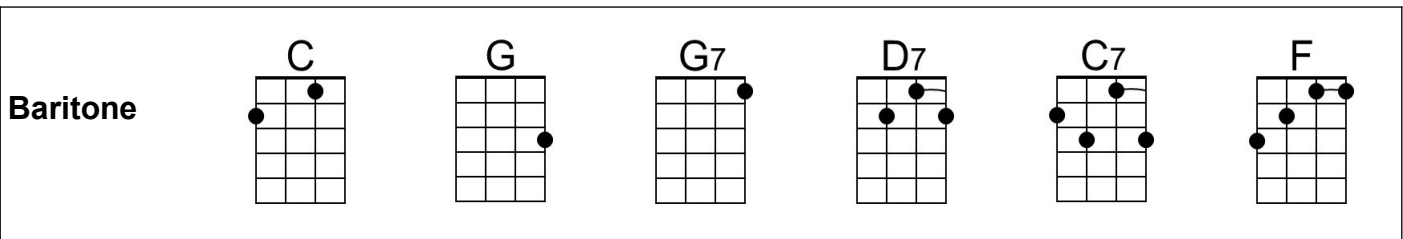
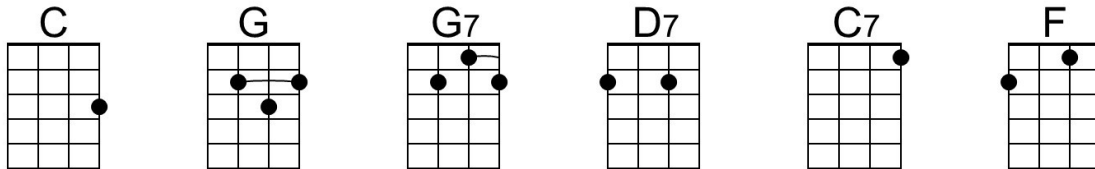
**G7**  
Mom says a hippo would eat me up but then  
**D7** **G7**  
Teacher says a hippo is a vege-tarian.

**Instrumental first two lines of verse** **C G**

**G7**  
There's lots of room for him in our two car  
garage  
**D7**  
I'd feed him there and wash him there

**G7**  
And give him his massage. **Chorus**

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## Chorus

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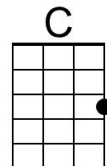
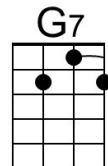
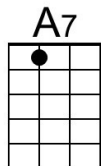
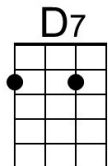
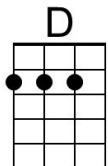
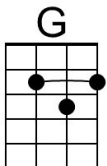
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Baritone

