

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas (John Rox)



G
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
D
Only a hippopotamus will do
D7
Don't want a doll, no dinky tinker toy
A7 **D**
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy

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D
I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?
D7
He won't have to use, a dirty chimney flue
A7
Just bring him through the front door
D
That's the easy thing to do

Refrain:

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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No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses
A7 **D7**
I only like - hippopotamuses
A7 **D7** **G**
And hippopotamuses like me too

Instrumental first two lines of verse: G D

D7
Mom says a hippo would eat me up but then
A7 **D7**
Teacher says a hippo is a vege-tarian

Instrumental first two lines of verse: G D

D7
There's lots of room for him in our two car garage
A7
I'd feed him there and wash him there
D7
And give him his massage

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