

# 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

**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, 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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I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
**D**  
Only a hippopotamus will do  
**D7**  
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

**(Refrain)**

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