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