

# I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas (John Rox, ca. 1953) (G)

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas by Gayla Peevey (1953) (G @ 114) — 6/8 Time

## Intro (4 measures) Strum in on G

**G** **D**  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas, only a hippopotamus will do.  
**D7** **A7** **D7** **D**  
Don't want a doll, no dinky tinker toy. I want a hippopotamus to play with and en-joy.

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

## Chorus

**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:  
**A7** **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 - hippopota-muses.  
**A7** **D7** **G**  
And hippopota-muses like me, too.

**G** **D**  
~~I want a hippopotamus for Christmas, only a hippopotamus will do.~~ (Kazoo Optional)  
**D7** **A7** **D7** **D**  
Mom says a hippo . . . would eat me up, but then, teacher says a hippo is a vege-tarian.  
**G** **D**  
~~I want a hippopotamus for Christmas, only a hippopotamus will do.~~ (Kazoo Optional)  
**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. **Chorus**

**G** **D**  
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**D7** **A7** **D7** **D**  
No crocodiles, no rhinocerosuses, I only like . . . hippopota-mususes  
**A7** **D7** **G**  
And hippopota-muses like me, too.