

I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas (Gayla Peevey - 1953)

G I want a hippopotamus for Christmas **D** Only a hippopotamus will do
D7 **A** **A7** **D** **D7**
Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy 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 our dirty chimney flue
A **A7** **D** **D7**
Just bring him through the front door, that's the easy thing to do

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
A **A7** **D** **D7**
To see a hippo hero standing there!

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Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian

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

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