# I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / [G] / [G]**

I **[G]** want a hippopotamus for Christmas

**[G]** Only a hippopotamus will **[D]** do

**[D7]** Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy

I **[A]↓** want a hippo-**[A]↓**potamus

To **[A]↓** play with **[A]↓** and en-**[D7]↓**joy

I **[G]** want a hippopotamus for Christmas

I **[G]** don't think Santa Claus will mind, do **[D]** you?

He **[D7]** won't have to use, our dirty chimney flue

Just **[A]↓** bring him through the **[A]↓** front door

That's the **[A]↓** easy **[A]↓** thing to **[D7]↓** do

I can **[G7]** see me now on **[C]** Christmas morning

**[G7]** Creeping down the **[C]** stairs

Oh what **[D7]** joy and what surprise when I **[G]** open up my eyes

To see a **[A7]** hippo hero **[D]** standing **[D7]** there

I **[G]** want a hippopotamus for Christmas

**[G]** Only a hippopotamus will **[D]** do

**[D7]** No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses

**[A]** I only like **[A]↓** hippopota-**[D]↓**muses

And **[A]** hippopota-**[D7]**muses like me **[G]** too **[D7]**

**KAZOOS:**

I **[G]** want a hippopotamus for Christmas

**[G]** Only a hippopotamus will **[D]** do

**[D7]** Mom says the hippo, would eat me up but then

**[A]↓** Teacher says a **[A]↓** hippo is a **[A]↓** vegetari-**[D7]↓**an

**KAZOOS:**

I **[G]** want a hippopotamus for Christmas

**[G]** Only a hippopotamus will **[D]** do

There's **[D7]** lots of room for him, in our two-car garage

I'd **[A]↓** feed him there and **[A]↓** wash him there

And **[A]↓** give him **[A]↓** his mas-**[D7]↓**sage

I can **[G7]** see me now on **[C]** Christmas morning

**[G7]** Creeping down the **[C]** stairs

Oh what **[D7]** joy and what surprise when I **[G]** open up my eyes

To see a **[A7]** hippo hero **[D]** standing **[D7]** there

I **[G]** want a hippopotamus for Christmas

**[G]** Only a hippopotamus will **[D]** do

**[D7]** No crocodiles, or rhinoceros-se-ses

**[A]** I only like **[A]↓** hippopota-**[D7]↓**mu-se-ses

And **[A]** hippopota-**[D7]**muses like me **[G]** too! **[G]↓[D7]↓[G]↓**



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