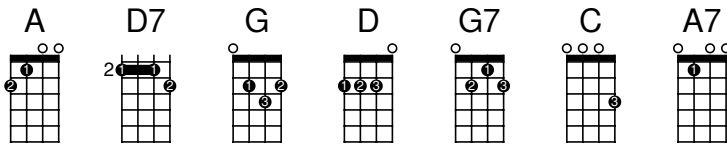


# I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas

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Intro: [A] [D7] (last line of 1st verse) (pause)

I [G] want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
Only a hippopotamus will [D] do  
[D7] Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy  
I [A] want a hippopotamus to play with and en-[D7]-joy

I [G] want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
I 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 front door,  
that's the easy 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  
Only a hippopotamus will [D] do [D7]  
[D7] No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses  
[A] I only like hippopota-[D]-muses  
And [A] hippopota-[D7]-muses like me [G] too

I [G] want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
Only a hippopotamus will [D] do  
[D7] Mum says a hippo, will eat me up but then  
[A] Teacher says a hippo is a [D7] veget- [G] -arian

I [G] want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
Only a hippopotamus will [D] do [D7]

There's [D7] lots of room for him in our two car garage  
[A] I'd feed him there and wash him there and [D7] give him his [G] massage

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, only a hippopotamus will [D] do  
[D7] No crocodiles or rhinoceroses, [A] I only like hippopota-[D7]-muses  
And [A] hippopota-[D7]-muses like me [G] too!

[D7]/ [G]/