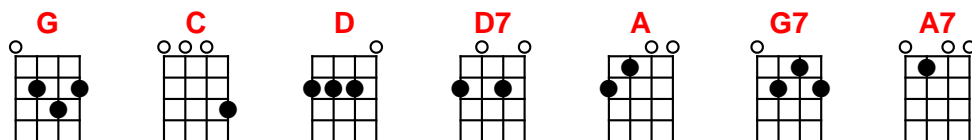


I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

John Rox; a big hit in 1953



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[C] [G] 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 [D] 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

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

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

[A] Teacher says a hippo is

a [D] vegetari[D7]an

I [G] want a hippopota[C]mus for [G] Christmas.

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

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

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

and [D] give him his mas[D7]sage

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[D7] No crocodiles or rhinoceroses

[A7] I only like [D] hippopota- [D7] muses -

And [A] hippopota-[D] muses like me [G] too! [C] [G] [C] [G] [C] [G]