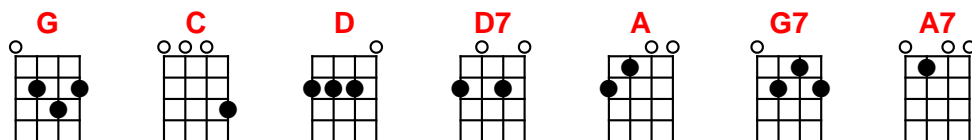


I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

John Rox; a big hit in 1953



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 I [A] want a hippopotamus to [D] play [D7] with and enjoy

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 I [A] want a hippopotamus to [D] play with and en-[D7] joy

I [G] want a [C] hippopotamus for [G] 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 [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

I [G] want a hippopota- [C] mus for Christmas - Only a hippopotamus will [D] do
 [D7] Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then
 [A] Teacher says a hippo is a [D7] vegetarian

I [G] want a hippopota- [C] mus for Christmas. 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 [D7] give him his massage

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I [G] want a hippopota- [C] mus for Christmas - Only a hippopotamus will [D] do
 [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]