

I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas

Gayla Peevey, recorded in 1953; lyrics and music by John Rox

[G] I 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- [D]joy

[G] I 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 [D] 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 [A] hippo hero
[D] standing [D7] there

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[D7] No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses;
[A7] I only like hippopota- [D7] muses

And [A7] hippopota- [D7] muses like me
[G] too

(Short Music Interlude)

[G] [G] [D]

[D7] Mom says the hippo would eat me up,
but then [A7] Teacher says a hippo is a
vegeteri- [D7] an

(Short Music Interlude)

[G] [G] [D]

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

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