

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

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4/4 time	Intro: [G] [G]!
Chords	I [G] want a hippopotamus for [G] Christmas, [G] Only a hippopotamus will [D] do [D7] Don't want a doll, no [D7] dinky Tinker Toy I [A] want a hippopotamus to [A]// play with and [D7]// enjoy I [G] want a hippopotamus for [G] Christmas I [G] don't think Santa Claus will mind, do [D] you? He [D7] won't have to use our [D7] dirty chimney flue Just [A] bring him through the front door that's the [D7] easy thing to 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 [G] Christmas [G] Only a hippopotamus will [D] do [D7] No crocodiles, no [D7] rhinoceroses [A] I only like [D] hippopota-musses And [A]// [D7]// hippopota-musses like me [G] too I [G] want a hippopotamus for [G] Christmas [G] Only a hippopotamus will [D] do [D7] Mom says the hippo would [D7] eat me up, but then [A] Teacher says a hippo is a [A]// [D7]// vegetarian I [G] want a hippopotamus for [G] Christmas [G] Only a hippopotamus will [D] do There's [D7] lots of room for him in [D7] our two car garage I'd [A] feed him there and wash him there and [A]// give him his [D7]// 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 And see a [A7] hippo hero [D]// standing [D7]// there I [G] want a hippopotamus for [G] Christmas [G] Only a hippopotamus will [D] do [D7] No crocodiles or [D7] rhinoceroses [A] I only like [D7] hippopotamuss-es-es And [A]// [D7]// hippopotamuss-es-es like me [G] too [G]! [D7]! [G]!