



# I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas

(Gayla Peevey)

**G**

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas,

**D**

Only a hippopotamus will do

**D7**

I don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy

**A**

**D7**

I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy

**G**

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas,

**D**

I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?

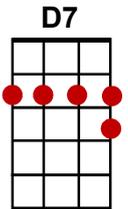
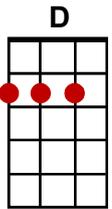
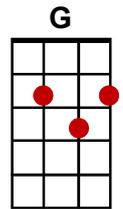
**D7**

He won't have to use our dirty chimney flue

**A**

**D7**

Just bring him through the front door, that's the easy thing to do.



**G7**

**C**

**G7**

**C**

I can see me now on Christmas morning creeping down the stairs

**D7**

**G**

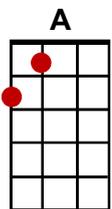
Oh what joy and what surprise when I open up my eyes

**A7**

**D**

**D7**

To see a hippo hero standing there.



**G**

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas,

**D**

Only a hippopotamus will do

**D7**

No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses

**A**

**D**

I only like hippopotamuses

**A**

**D7**

**G**

And hippopotamuses like me too

**G G G D**

**D**

Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then

**A**

**D7**

Teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian

**G G G D**





# I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas (Cont'd)

**D7**

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

**A**

**D7**

I'd feed him there and wash him there and give him his massage

**G7**

**C**

**G7**

**C**

I can see me now on Christmas morning, creeping down the stairs,

**D7**

**G**

Oh what joy and what surprise when I open up my eyes

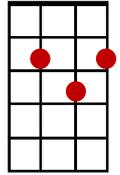
**A7**

**D**

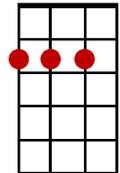
**D7**

To see a hippo hero standing there [Slow down]

**G**



**D**



[Slowly speed up this verse]

**G**

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas

**D**

Only a hippopotamus will do

**D7**

No crocodiles or rhinoceroses

**A**

**D7**

I only like hippopotamusususses

**A**

**D7**

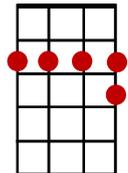
**G↓**

**D7↓**

**G↓**

[Pause] And hippopotamusses like me too

**D7**



**A**

