

# I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

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I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
Only a hippopotamus will do  
I don't want a doll, no dinky Tinkertoy  
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?  
He won't have to use our dirty chimney flue  
Just bring him through the front door  
That's the easy thing to do I can see me now on Christmas morning  
Creeping down the stairs  
Oh, what joy and what surprise  
When I open up my eyes  
To see my hippo hero standing there I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
Only a hippopotamus will do  
No crocodiles, or rhinoceroses  
I only like hippopotamuses  
And hippopotamuses like me too I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
a hippopotamus is all I want  
Mom says the hippo would eat me up  
But then teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
The kind I saw this summer at the zoo  
there's lots of room for him in our two car garage  
I'd feed him there and wash him there  
And give him his massage I can see me now on Christmas morning  
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