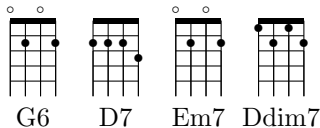


I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas – Gayla Peevy

I **want** a hip-po-pot-amus for **Christmas**, ...
Only a hip-po-pot-a-mus will **do** ...
Don't want a **doll**, no **dinkey** tinker **toy**
I **want** a hippo-pot-a-mus to **play** with and **enjoy**
/ G G6 G - / G G6 D7 - / - - - - / A7 - - D7 /



I **want** a hippopotamus for Christmas
I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do **you**?
He **won't** have to use a 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 **sur-prise**, when I **open** up my **eyes**
To see my **hippo** **hero** **stand-ng** **there**
/ G7 - C Am7 / Dm G7 C - / D7 - G Em7 / A7 - (Am7 Ddim7) D7 /

I **want** a hippopotamus for Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will **do**
No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses;
I **only** **like** hipp-o-pot-a-muses
/ G G6 G - / G G6 D7 - / - - - - / (A7 Em7) A7 - D7 /

And **hipp**-o-pot-a-muses like me **too** ...
/ A7 D7 G D7 /

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Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then
Teacher says a hippo is a **veg-e-tar-i-an**

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... ..

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**

Pre-chorus, chorus