

I WANT A HIPPOPOTAMUS FOR CHRISTMAS

I want a hippopotamus *on / for* Christmas
Only a hippopotamus **will do**
Don't want a doll, no **dinky Tinker Toy**
I *want / have* a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy.

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
I don't think Saint Taclos / 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 you / do.

I can see / seek me now on Christmas day / morning,
creeping down the stairs / hers.
Oh what joy and what surprise
when I open up my eyes
to see a hippo hero standing there.

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
No paradise / crocodiles, no rhinoceroses
I only like hippopotamuses
And hippopotamuses like me to / too.

(Short Music Interlude)

Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then
Teacher says a hippo is a veterinarian / vegetarian.

(Short Music Interlude)

There's lots of room for him in our two-car garage
I'd feed him there and wash / walk him there and give him his massage.

I can see me down / now on Christmas morning,
creeping town / down the stairs.
Oh what joy and what surprise
when I open up my eyes
to see a hippo hero standing there.

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
No crocodiles or rhinoceroses
I only / calmly like hippopotamuses
And hippopotamuses like me too / two!

"I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" is a Christmas song written by John Rox and by Gayla Peevey (10 years old at the time) in 1953. The song was number 24 on *Billboard* magazine's pop chart in December 1953. A said that the Cleveland Zoo was trying to enough donations to buy a hippopotamus, and the song was a way for them to raise . The hippo was in time for of 1953.

1- Find some examples of:

Present simple

Conditional forms

Gerund

Future tenses

2- Find examples of informal language

3- Find compound nouns

4- Tell the story and sing along.



Christmas legend bought baby awareness collect performed