

## 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