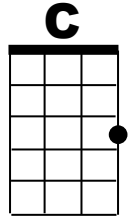


# I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

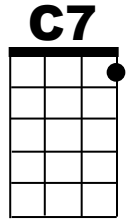
Gayla Peevey, 1953

**INTRO: G7 D7 G7**  
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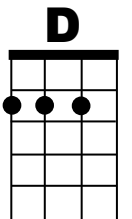
**C**  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas, only a hippopotamus will do. **G**  
**G7**  
Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy.  
**D** **G**  
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy!



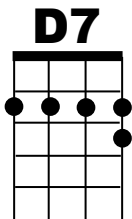
**C** **G**  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas, I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?  
**G7** **D**  
He won't have to use a dirty chimney flue. Just bring him through the front door.  
**G**  
That's the easy thing to do.



**C7** **F** **C7** **F**  
I can see me now on Christmas morn, creeping down the stairs.  
**G7** **C**  
Oh what a joy and what surprise, when I open up my eyes,  
**D7** **G** **Pause 2-3-4**  
To see a hippo hero standing there.

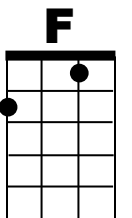


**C** **G**  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas, only a hippopotamus will do.  
**G7** **D** **G7**  
No crocodiles, no rhinoceroes, I only like hippopotamuses.  
**D7** **G7** **C**  
And hippopotamuses like me, too!



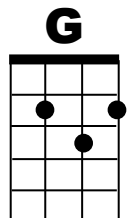
**We "LA-LA-LA" C G (first line of song)**  
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**G7**  
Mom says a hippo would eat me up. But then  
**D7** **G7**  
teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian!

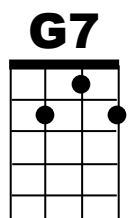


**We "LA-LA-LA" C G (first line of song)**  
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**G7**  
There's lots of room for him in our two-car garage.  
**D7** **G**  
I'd feed him there and wash him there and give him his massage!



**C7** **F** **C7** **F**  
I can see me now on Christmas morn, creeping down the stairs.  
**G7** **C**  
Oh what a joy and what a surprise when I open up my eyes  
**D7** **G** **Pause 2-3-4**  
To see a hippo hero standing there.



**C** **G**  
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas, only a hippopotamus will do.  
**G7** **D** **G7**  
No crocodiles, no rhinoceroes, I only like hippopotamuses.  
**D7** **G7** **C**  
And hippopotamuses like me, too!