

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas,
A hippopotamus is all I want.
Don't want a doll, no dinky ticker-toy,
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 a 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.
Mum says a hippo would eat me up,
but then,
Teacher says a hippo is a *vegetarienne*.

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
The kind I saw last summer at the zoo.
We got a car with room for two in our
two-car garage,
I'd feed him there and wash him there
and give him his massage.

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morning
Creeping 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 kangaroos or duck-billed-
platypusses;
I only like hippopotamuses,
And hippopotamuses like me too!