**5. I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas**

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Only a hippopotamus will do!

Don’t want a doll, no dinky Tinker 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!

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Only a hippopotamus will do!

No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses.

I only like hippopotamuses,

And hippopotamuses like me too!

(*interlude for dancing*)

Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then,

Teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian.

(*interlude for dancing*)

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.

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