I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
Don't want a doll
No dinky tinker toy
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy

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I don't think Santa Claus will mind do you
He won't have to use
A 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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No crocodiles
No rhinoceroses
I only like hippopotamuses
And hippopotamuses like me too

(swing it)

Mom says a hippo would eat me up but then Teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian

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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