

I Want a Hippopotamus

Notes tabbed on the 4th string
will sound an octave higher than
notated on high G ukuleles.

Christmas on the Ukulele
<https://jollyrogerukulele.com>

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John Rox (1953)
Arranged by Gary Jugert
for Ukulele

Repeats:
0 thru 69
1 thru 67
70 to end

♩ = 100

Chords & Lyrics

Ukulele Melody

TuffUke

Chords: C, G7, D

Lyrics: I want a hip - po - pot - a - mus for Christ - mas On - ly a hip - po - pot - a - mus will do. Don't want a doll, no dink - y Tink - er Toy, I Mom says the hippo would eat me up but then my want a hip - po - pot - a - mus to play with and en - joy I want a hip - po - pot - a - mus for teach - er says a hip - po is a veg - e - tar - i - an.

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19 Christ - mas I don't think San - ta Claus would mind, do you? He There's

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25 won't have to use our dir - ty chim - ney flue, just bring him through the and
lots of room for him in our two - car ga - rage. I'd feed him there

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30 front door, that's the eas - y thing to do. I can see me
wash him there and give him his mas - sage.

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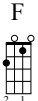
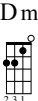
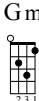
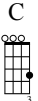
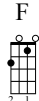
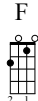
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now on Christ - mas morn - ing creep - ing down the stairs oh, what

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joy and what sur - prise when I o - pen up my eyes to see my hip - po he - ro

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stand - ing there. I want a hip - po - pot - a - mus for Christ - mas On - ly a hip - po -

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55 C G7 G7 G7 G7 G7 G7

56 57 58 59 60 61

pot - a - mus will do. No croc - o - diles or rhi - no - cer - os - es.

62 D D D G7 D

63 64 65 66

I on - ly like hip - po - pot - a - mus - es and hip - po - pot - a -

67 G7 C G7 C G7 C

68 69 70 71 72 73

mus - es like me too. I too.

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line, a guitar line with chord diagrams, and a piano accompaniment line. The chords are C, G7, D, and C. The lyrics are: 'pot - a - mus will do. No croc - o - diles or rhi - no - cer - os - es. I on - ly like hip - po - pot - a - mus - es and hip - po - pot - a - mus - es like me too. I too.' The score includes fingerings for the guitar and piano parts, and a key signature of one sharp (F#).