

# I WANT A HIPPOPOTAMUS FOR CHRISTMAS

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## INTRODUCTION, BREAK & CLOSER:

(Pre cue in last 4 beats of intro.): **SIDES FACE, GRAND SQUARE**

\* I WANT A HIPPOPOTAMUS FOR CHRISTMAS  
ONLY A HIPPOPOTAMUS'LL DO  
NO CROCODILES, OR RHINOCERUSES  
I ONLY LIKE HIPPOPOTAMUSES

**Music by:**  
***"Rhythm Fingers"***  
**Jeff Van Sambeeck**

**FOUR LADIES CHAIN ACROSS**, AND YOU TURN YOUR LADY  
**CHAIN HER BACK**, AND **PROMENADE**  
OH WHAT JOY, AND WHAT SURPRISE, AS I OPEN UP MY EYES TO SEE A  
HIPPO HERO STANDING THERE

## FIGURE:

**HEADS SQUARE THRU**, YOU GET ME FOUR NOW  
MEET YOUR CORNER, AND **MAKE A RIGHT HAND STAR**  
**HEADS STAR LEFT**, GO ONCE AROUND THE SET  
GO TO THE SAME TWO, GO **RIGHT & LEFT THRU** AND TURN YOUR PET

- - HEY WHEN YOU DO, **STAR THRU** AND **PASS THRU**  
**CORNER SWING**, **PROMENADE**  
OH WHAT JOY, AND WHAT SURPRISE, AS I OPEN UP MY EYES TO SEE A  
HIPPO HERO STANDING THERE

ADDITIONAL PATER: (Can be used for 64 beat Fig.: Grand Spin, Grand Parade, Grand Sweep, etc.)

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I DON'T THINK SANTA CLAUS WILL MIND, DO YOU?  
MUM SAYS A HIPPO WOULD EAT ME UP, BUT THEN  
TEACHER SAYS A HIPPO IS A VEGETARIAN  
  
I CAN SEE ME NOW ON CHRISTMAS MORNING  
CREEPING DOWN THE STAIRS  
OH WHAT JOY, AND WHAT SURPRISE, AS I OPEN UP MY EYES TO SEE A  
HIPPO HERO STANDING THERE

**For easy learning, all our cue sheets are formatted so that each line represents an eight beat phrase.**

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