

Hippopotamus Song

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INTRO: Count 1 2 3 [G] [Am] [D7] [D7//]

[D7/] A [G] bold hippopotamus was [Am] standing one [B7] day
On the [Em] banks of the [A7] cool Shali [D7] mar.
He [G] gazed at the bottom as he [Am] peacefully [B7] lay
By the [Em] light of the [A7] evening [D7] star.
A [Dm] way on the [Em] hilltop sat [Dm] combing her [E7] hair
His [Dm] fair hippo-[E7]potama [Am] maid [D]
The [Em] Hippopo-[D]tamus [Em] was no igno-[D] ramus
And [Am] sang her this [A7] sweet [D7] serenade.

CHORUS:

[G] Mud, mud, [Am] glorious [D7] mud.
[Em] Nothing quite [A7] like it for [D7] cooling the blood.
So [G] follow me follow, [Am] down to the hollow
And [C] there let us [G] wallow in [D7] glorious [G] mud. [G] [Am] [D7//]

[D7/] The [G] fair hippopotama he [Am] aimed to en-[B7]-tice
From her [Em] seat on that [A7] hilltop a-[D7] bove
As [G] she hadn't got a ma to [Am] give her ad-[B7]-vice
Came [Em] tiptoeing [A7] down to her [D7] love.
Like [Dm] thunder the [E7] forest re-[Dm]-echoed the [E7] sound
Of the [Dm] song that they [E7] sang when they [Am] met [D]
His [Em] inamor-[D]-ata ad-[Em]-justed her [D] garter
And [Am] lifted her [A7] voice in du-[D7]-et.

CHORUS

[D7/] Now [G] more hippopotami be-[Am]gan to [B7] convene
On the [Em] banks of that [A7] river so [D7] wide
I [G] wonder now what am I to [Am] say of the [B7] scene
That en-[Em]sued by the [A7] Shalimar [D7] side.
They [Dm] dived all at [E7] once with an [Dm] ear-splitting [E7] sposh
Then [Dm] rose to the [E7] surface a-[Am]gain [D]
A [Em] regular [D] army of [Em] hippopo-[D]tami
All [Am] singing this [A7] haunting [D] refrain.

CHORUS – last line slower

And [C] there let us [G] wallow in [D7] glorious [G] mud

