

# Hippopotamus Song - Flanders & Swann (¾ timing)

Intro **G Em Am7 D7**  
**~~Mud, mud, glorious mud,~~**

V1

**G C B7 Em A7 D7**  
A bold hippopotamus was standing one day, On the banks of the cool Shalimar.  
**G C B7 Em A7 D**  
He gazed at the bottom as it peacefully lay, By the light of the evening star.  
**Am Em Am Em F E7 Am**  
Away on a hilltop sat combing her hair, His fair hippopotamine maid.  
**A7 D A7 D Am Am7 D D7**  
The hippopotamus was no ignoramus And sang her this sweet serenade.

**CHORUS:**

**G Em Am7 D7**  
**Mud, mud, glorious mud,**  
**G Em A7 D7**  
**Nothing quite like it for cooling the blood**  
**G C Am**  
**So follow me, follow, down to the hollow,**  
**C G Am D7 G ( G Em Am7 D7 )**  
**And there let us wallow in glorious mud. ( ~~Mud, mud, glorious mud~~ )**

V2

**G C B7 Em A7 D7**  
The fair hippopotama he aimed to entice, From her seat on the hilltop above.  
**G C B7 Em A7 D**  
As she hadn't got a ma to give her advice, Came tiptoeing down to her love.  
**Am Em Am Em F E7 Am**  
Like thunder the forest re-echoed the sound, Of the song that they sang when they met.  
**A7 D A7 D Am Am7 D D7**  
His inamorata adjusted her garter, And lifted her voice in duet.

**CHORUS (Falsetto)**

V3

**G C B7 Em A7 D7**  
Now more hippopotami began to convene, On the banks of the river so wide.  
**G C B7 Em A7 D**  
I wonder now what am I to make of the scene, That ensued by the Shalimar side.  
**Am Em Am Em F E7 Am**  
They dived all at once, with an ear-splitting splosh, Then rose to the surface again.  
**A7 D A7 D Am Am7 D D7**  
A regular army of hippopotami, All singing this haunting refrain.

**CHORUS - (last line slowly, ending in "gloo-oorius mud")**