

My Hat It Has Three Corners

A popular children's song in German-speaking lands is *Mein Hut, der hat drei Ecken* (*My Hat It Has Three Corners*).

The melody for the song comes from the Italian folk song, *Carnival of Venice* on page 17 of *Tradition of Excellence, Book 1*. Learn the words to the song in German and English and practice singing to the melody.

Great: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HA-BE6qM_pY
Classical: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNtL4Wfx9M>
Crazy: <http://vimeo.com/25530935>

Mein Hut, der hat drei Ecken,
[mayn hoot dayr hat dry EK-n]

My hat it has three corners,

Drei Ecken hat mein Hut,
[dry EK-n hat mayn hoot]

Three corners has my hat,

Und hätt er nicht drei Ecken,
[oond het ayr nicht dry EK-en]

If my hat had not three corners,

So wär es nicht mein Hut.
[zo vayr es nicht mayn hoot]

It would not be my hat.

Mein Hut, Der Hat Drei Ecken

German folk song

Mein Hut, der hat drei Eck - en, drei Eck - en hat mein Hut.
My hat, it has three cor - ners, three corn - ers has my hat.

Und hätt' er nicht drei Eck - en, so wär' er nicht mein Hut!
And had it not three cor - ners, it would not be my hat!

Motions:

Mein/My - point to me

Hut/hat - hand on head

drei/three - 3 fingers

Ecken/corners - make triangle shape with fingers

nicht/not - shake head no

1st time, sing entire song through.

2nd time, leave out the first word ("mein"), substituting the motion instead.

3rd time, leave out 2 words, substituting 2 motions.

Continue similarly.