

The Riddle Song

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff is in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "I gave my love a cher-ry that has no stone. I gave my love a chick-en that has no__ bone. I gave my love a ring_ that has no end. I gave my love a ba-by with no cry - en."

I gave my love a cher-ry that has no stone. I
gave my love a chick-en that has no__ bone. I
gave my love a ring_ that has no end. I
gave my love a ba-by with no cry - en.

- 1 I gave my love a cherry that has no stone.
I gave my love a chicken that has no bone.
I gave my love a ring that has no end.
I gave my love a baby with no cryen.
- 2 How can there be a cherry that has no stone?
How can there be a chicken that has no bone?
How can there be a ring that has no end?
How can there be a baby with no cryen?
- 3 A cherry, when it's blooming, it has no stone.
A chicken when it's pipping, it has no bone.
A ring when it's rolling, it has no end.
A baby when it's sleeping, there's no cryen.

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Das Rätsellied

1

I gave my love a cherry
that has no stone.
I gave my love a chicken
that has no bone.
I gave my love a ring
that has no end.
I gave my love a baby
with no cryen.

Ich gab meiner Liebsten eine Kirsche,
die keinen Stein hat.
Ich gab meiner Liebsten ein Huhn,
das keinen Knochen hat.
ich gab meiner Liebsten einen Ring,
der kein Ende hat.
Ich gab meiner Liebsten ein Baby
ohne Weinen.

2

How can there be a cherry
that has no stone?
How can there be a chicken
that has no bone?
How can there be a ring
that has no end?
How can there be a baby
with no cryen?

Wie kann es eine Kirsche geben,
die keinen Stein hat?
Wie kann es ein Huhn geben,
das keinen Knochen hat?
Wie kann es einen Ring geben,
der kein Ende hat?
Wie kann es ein Baby geben
ohne Weinen?

3

A cherry, when it's blooming,
it has no stone.
A chicken
when it's pipping,
it has no bone.
A ring when it's rolling,
it has no end,
A baby when it's sleeping,
there's no cryen.

Eine Kirsche während der Blüte
(sie) hat keinen Stein.
Ein Huhn,
wenn es aus dem Ei schlüpft,
(es) hat keinen Knochen.
Ein Ring der rollt
(er) hat kein Ende,
ein schlafendes Baby
weint nicht
(wörtl. gibt es kein Weinen.)

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