

Hans in luck



Hans in Luck – Fairy tale

Hans: *Master, I have served for seven years. I have learned a lot. My time is up; now I want to go home to my mother.*

Master: *You have served me faithfully and honestly. I want to reward you. I give you this lump of gold.*

Hans: *Oh. Thank you very much. This makes me happy .Good bye Master.*

Master: *Good bye Hans*

Hans: *Hello! What a fine thing it is to ride. You sit as on a chair, you save your shoes and you stumble over no stones.*

Horseman: *Hello! Hans, why do you go on foot, then?*

Hans: *I have this gold lump to carry home; it hurts my shoulder.*

Horseman: *We can exchange: I will give you my horse, and you can give me your gold.*

Hans: *Okay. This is a good deal. Thank you and good buy. Oh, I am so happy.*

Ow. *Never again will I mount the horse. Oh, I would like your cow, for one can walk quietly behind he and you have, milk, butter and cheese every day. What would I not give to have such a cow.*

Countryman; *I do not mind giving the cow for the horse.*

Hans: *Oh, how happy I am. I can eat butter and cheese as often as I like. If I am thirsty, I can milk my cow and drink the milk. Good heart, what more can I want?*

Hans: *I am thirsty. I will milk my cow now and refresh myself with the milk.*

Hans: *No milk?* Hans: *Hello, look, the cow has hurt me und does not give any milk.*

Butcher: *Yes the cow can certainly give no milk, it is an old beast.*

Hans: *It is a fine thing when one can kill a beast like that at home; what meat one has! But I do not care much for beef. A young pig like that now is the thing to have, it tastes quite better.*

Butcher: *No problem. Hans, out of love for you I will exchange, and will let you have the pig for the cow.*

Hans: *You are so kind. Thank you very much.*

Hans: *Good morning*

Boy: *Good morning. Look, I have a fat, heavy goose for a christening-feast. Oh,.... you have a problem.You have a pig. In the village through which I passed, the people say, that someone just had one stolen a pig. They have sent out some men. If they find you with the pig, you would be shut up in the dark hole.*

Hans: *Can you help me out of this fix? You know more about this place than I do, would you take my pig and leave me your goose?*

Boy: *It is a risk for me, but I will do that.*

Hans: *Oh how happy I am. There is a good roast-meat, then the quantity of fat which will give me dripping for my bread for a quarter of a year, and lastly the beautiful white feathers; I will have my pillow stuffed with them. How glad my mother will be!*

Hans: *Hello. You seem to be so merry with your grinding.*

Grinder: *The trade has a golden foundation. But where did you buy that fine goose?*

Hans: *I did not buy it, but exchanged my pig for it.*

"And the pig?"

"That I got for a cow."

"And the cow?"

"I took that instead of a horse."

"And the horse?"

"For that I gave a lump of gold as big as my head."

"And the gold?"

"Well, that was my wages for seven years' service."

Grinder: *A real grinder is a man who as often as he puts his hand into his pocket finds gold in it.*

Hans: *If I have money whenever I put my hand in my pocket, what need I trouble about any longer? But how shall I manage to get the money?*

Grinder: *You must be a grinder as I am. Nothing particular is wanted for it but a grindstone, the rest finds itself. I have one here; it is certainly a little worn, but you need not give me anything for it but your goose; will you do it?*

Hans: *I shall be the luckiest fellow on earth; If I have money whenever I put my hand in my pocket, what need I trouble about any longer?
I am a Sunday-child.*

Hans: *Thank you, God. I am free. There is no man under the sun as happy as I am.*

Hans: *Hallo, Mam. I am so happy. The road to good luck is so easy.*

To take to the road – German Custom

- What is it?

Getting out on travel for several years after completing apprenticeship as a craftsman.

-The origin:

It goes back to medieval times and it is still alive in German-speaking countries.

-The purpose:

To see the world and improve the skills in foreign surroundings.

-Condition in former times:

The apprentice lived with the master as a member of the household. He received no money but food and shelter.

What does the fairy tale show us?



- Travelling helps people to find themselves.
- Material things don't make people happy in long-term!
- Immaterial values like home, family and liberty are more important than money!

It's the manner of seeing life which makes people happy

