

The Puzzled Census-taker - song lyrics

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THE PUZZLED CENSUS-TAKER

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"Got any boys?" the marshal said
To a lady from over the Rhine;
And the lady shook her flaxen head,
And civilly answered, "Nein"

"Got any girls?" the marshal said
To the lady from over the Rhine;
And again the lady shook her bead,
And civilly answered, "Nein"

"But some are dead?" the marshal said
To the lady from over the Rhine;
And again the lady shook her head,
And civilly answered, "Nein"

"Husband, of course," the marshal said
To the lady from over the Rhine;
And again she shook her flaxen head,
And civilly answered, "Nein!"

"The devil you have!" the marshal said
To the lady from over the Rhine;
And again she shook her flaxen bead,
And civilly answered, "Nein!"

"Now, what do you mean by shaking your head,
And always answering "Nein?""
"Ich kann nicht Engluh!" civilly said
The lady from over the Rhine.