

Ring, ring my bicycle

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Practice makes perfect; work hard to become an expert. A cheerful song to show how happy this can make you.

An Indonesian song by A.T. Mahmud; it tells a story about two children who are given things, a bicycle and shoes because they work hard. In my adaptation the children succeed in a task because they try and try again.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff starts with a C chord and contains the lyrics: "Ring, ring, ring, I'm on my bike, It has han - dle - bars I like;". The second staff starts with a G7 chord and contains the lyrics: "Fa - ther taught me how to ride, He knows just how hard I tried!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style with quarter notes and rests.

Ring, ring, ring, I'm on my bike,
It has handlebars I like;
Father taught me how to ride,
He knows just how hard I tried!

Tap, tap, tap, just see my shoes,
Made of leather, bright and new;
Mother shows me how to dance,
I practice hard at every chance.



*Kring..kring kring ada sepeda (ring..ring ring here is my bike)
Sepedaku roda tiga (it's a three wheels bike)
Kudapat dari ayah (I got it from my father)
Karena rajin bekerja (because I'm a hard worker)*

*Tuk tuk tuk ada sepatu (tap tap tap here are my shoes)
Sepatu kulit lembu (they are made of leather)
Kudapat dari ibu (I got it from my mother)
Karena rajin membantu (because I love to help her)*