

**Duì Huáng Xiè**  
**Yellow Crab Song**

**Pinyin Version:**

Wǒ chàng shān gē lái wèn nǐ,  
yì zhī huáng xiè jǐ zhī áo?  
Jǐ gè tóu jǐng jǐ gè tián?  
Jǐ zhī xiǎo jiǎo wǎng qián pǎo?

Wǒ chàng shān gē huí dá nǐ,  
yì zhī huáng xiè liǎng zhī áo,  
yí gè tóu jǐng yí gè tián?  
Bā zhī xiǎo jiǎo wǎng qián pǎo.

**English Translation:**

I am singing a song to ask you,  
How many claws does a yellow crab have?  
How many heads, how many shells  
And how many little legs for running?

I am singing a song to answer you,  
One yellow crab has two claws,  
One head, one shell  
And eight little legs for running.

**Chinese Notation:**

对黄蟹

1. (Q) 我唱山歌来问你，一只黄蟹几只螯？  
几个头颈几个田？几只小脚往前跑？
2. (A) 我唱山歌回答你，一只黄蟹两只螯，  
一个头颈一个田，八只小脚往前跑。

**Song Information:**

This Chinese nursery rhyme is set in a question and answer style.  
The first verse is asking the questions and the second verse  
provides the answers. The melodic focus of this song is the  
emphasis on the tone re.