

# Die Leinenweber - The Linnen Weavers

The songs convey gallows humour about the inhuman living conditions of poor weavers of that time. Two generations later (1882) Gerhard Hauptmann took up their topic for his drama "The weavers" creating a social image with shocking effects and accusation.

1. The weavers sit working hungry. Both unite them hunger and long working hours
2. Weavers only take trainees who can bear hunger six weeks and more.
3. Weavers kill two pigs a year. The first is stolen, the second not theirs.
4. Weavers have shuttles, where they put bugs and fleas into.
5. Weavers make fine music, it's like 12 carriages on a bridge.