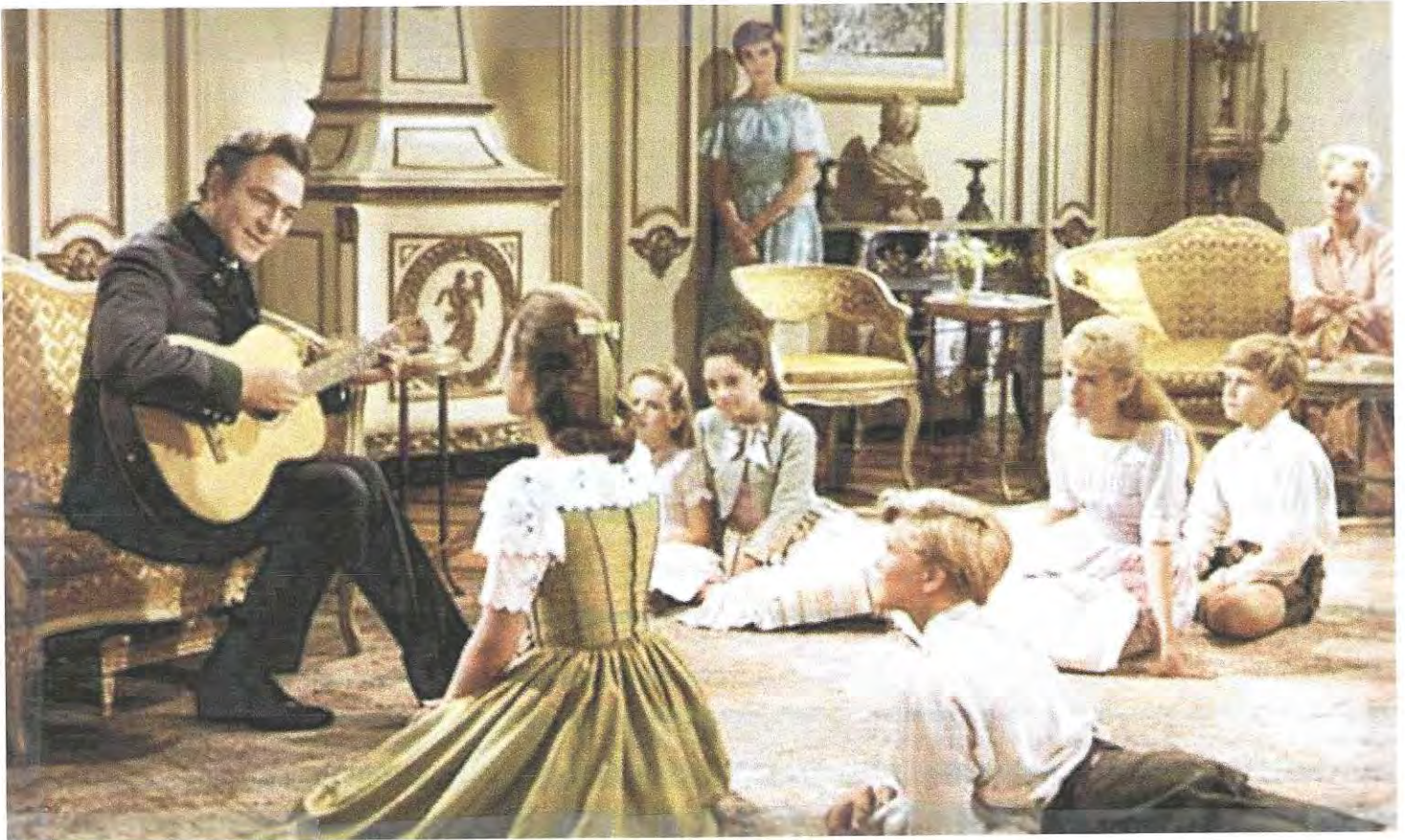


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Why Austrians really hate “The Sound of Music”

‘Edelweiss’



Performing 'Edelweiss'

Mistake this song for the Austrian national anthem, as many have previously done, and you may find yourself in trouble. Contrary to popular belief, this infectiously catchy tune is neither a folk song nor the Austrian national anthem, but was composed for the Broadway musical by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. Just so you know, the real national anthem is in actual fact ‘Land der Berge, Land am Strome’, meaning ‘land of mountains, land of rivers’.