

## Never before has a state wanted more

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To the tune of 'Oliver':

MRS MERKEL: For our euros you are about to receive

May the Lord make you truly thankful.

THE EUROGROUP: Amen.

GREECE: Please, Ma'am, I want some more.

MRS MERKEL: What?

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MRS MERKEL: More!

MR SCHAUBLE: Catch him!

MRS MERKEL: Snatch him!

MR SCHAUBLE: Hold him!

MRS MERKEL: Scold him!

MR SCHAUBLE: Pounce him!

Trounce him!

Pick him up and bounce him!

MRS MERKEL: Wait!

Before we put the state to task

May I be so curious as to ask

Its name?

THE EUROGROUP: Gr-ee-ce

MRS MERKEL AND MR SCHAUBLE: Greece! Greece!

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MRS MERKEL: Won't ask for more when it knows what's in store.