

My Hero, Zero

My hero, Zero
Such a funny little hero
But till you came along
We counted on our fingers and toes

Now you're here to stay
And nobody really knows
How wonderful you are
Why we could never reach a star
Without you, Zero, my hero
How wonderful you are

"What's so wonderful about a zero?"

"It's nothing, isn't it?"

"Sure, it represents nothing alone."

But place a zero after 1
And you've got yourself a 10
See how important that is
When you run out of digits
You can start all over again
See how convenient that is

That's why with only ten digits including zero
You can count as high as you could ever go
Forever, towards infinity
No one ever gets there, but you could try

10 billion zeros
From the cavemen till the heroes

Who invented you
They counted on their fingers and toes

"And maybe some sticks and stones"

"Or rocks and bones"

"And their neighbors' toes"

"You're here"

And nobody really knows
How wonderful you are
Why we could never reach the star
Without you, Zero, my hero
Zero, how wonderful you are

Place one zero after any number
And you've multiplied that number by 10

"See how easy that is"

Place two zeros after any number
And you've multiplied that number by 100

"See how simple that is"

Place three zeros after any number
And you've multiplied that number by 1,000

Etcetera, etcetera, ad infinitum, ad astra, forever and ever
With zero, my hero, how wonderful you are

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