Folkdances - Chinese Dance "The Homecoming" (coming Home) (Chinese peasant dance set to Manchurian music - N. China)

- 1. Left crosses in front of Right diagonally forward, R crosses in front of L diagonally forward, L long stride back diag. left, close R.,
- 2. Left crosses front of R diag. fwd., R. crosses front of L. diag. fwd.with 1/4 turn to left,
- L. w 1/4 to left, R w1/4 to left,
- 3. (L shoulder toward center- moving toward center)(large side steps- point toe of leading foot)
- L., R. crossing in front of L., L, R crossing in front of L,
- 4. L, R crossing front of L, L w/ 1/2 turn to left, leap onto R lifting L behind,
- 5. (same as 3. moving away from center)
- 6. (same as 4. moving away from ctr)
- 7. (4 steps in LOD w/ dipping motion) L,R,L,R,
- 8. (same as 7. in LOD)

(4 counts each part)

Arm Movements

- 1. both arms to left, both to right, both to left, both to right,
- 2. R arm up, L arm up, R arm up, L arm up, (subdued movements)
- 3. both arms to left, both to right, both left, both right, (head matches arm movements)
- 4. both left, both right, both crossed at chest, left arm up and right to right
- 5. (same as 3. moving away from ctr.)
- 6. (same as 4. moving away from ctr.)
- 7. (both arms low and to the side of the lifted foot) (moving LOD) L,R,L,R,
- 8. (same as 7. moving LOD)

(4 counts each part)

The Homecoming Coming Home

Refrain:

The wind in the willows sha la la la The singing of the brook hua la la la Someone's young wife is slowly walking by Ah! She's going back to see her mother.

Verses:

Wearing a red coat
A flower in her hair
Her face beautifully made up
Under the left arm a chicken
Under the right arm a duck
And that bundle on her back is her little healthy baby.

Dark clouds fly in With gusts of wind Rain is about to fall There is nowhere to seek cover. Nowhere to hide Rain is suddenly pouring down on me!

My red coat is soaked.
The flower lost from my hair.
My make-up all smeared.
The chicken flew off,
And the duck ran away,
And my little baby is crying!
How ever can I go and see my mother?

(Translated by Andrew Ferrier)

四坡家

①身第 红旗

头戴一只礼

胭脂的香粉处的脸上查

左手一隻踢

右手一隻写

身上还指着一分胖块车

回一片号方来

一阵用儿别

眼看看山中就要把雨下

躲又没废野

藏也沒處藏

斗长的雨美轮战争上打