

LEYLİM
Turkey

The dance was learned in Turkey from the Tufeum Folk Ensemble in 1974 by Bora Özkök. The dance is from Gaziantep, in S.E. Turkey.

TRANSLATION: My loved one

PRONUNCIATION: LEH-lim

MUSIC: Kismet '84 (LP) Bora Özkök & the Sultans, Side II, band 6.

FORMATION: Mixed lines or or circles with hands in "V" pos.

METER: 2/4

PATTERN

Meas.

INTRODUCTION: 8 meas of the drum, dance starts with Zurna music, beg to swing hands during intro (fwd, ct 1; bkwd, ct 2).

PART I:

- 1 Facing R of ctr and moving in LOD, step R (ct 1); step L across R (ct 2).
- 2 Turning to face ctr, step R to R as L knee lifts fwd (ct 1); push L fwd and down (ct 2).
- 3 Repeat meas 2 with opp ftwk (L & lift R; push R)

Arms: Swing fwd on ct 1, bkwd on ct 2 throughout step. Elbows are straight and arms swing are small and compact (from shldr).

VARIATION, PART I: Beg when singing has finishsed

During the instrumental, do same step, replacing the walk with 2 running steps + both-hop (lift free ft on hop). Arm swings are larger.

Continue to alternate until the last time through then release hand and dance the "finish".

FINISH

- 1 Release hands, turn R and moving fwd in RLOD, leap on both ft (ct 1); hop on R as L knee lifts fwd (ct &); leap on both ft (ct 2); hop on L as R knee lifts fwd (ct &).
- 2-4 Repeat meas 1 in RLOD, 3 more times (4 in all).
- 5-7 Turning R and moving in LOD repeat meas 1-3.

continued.

8 Jump onto both ft and face ctr (ct 1); hold (ct 2).

NOTE: Hands clap on each ct during "finish" at head ht.

During song the leader sings and the line answers - hele yar, yar, yar (come on darling, darling, darling); sinanay nay nay (let's boogie and dance together).

SEQUENCE:

PART I - Instrumental (11x) + singing (5x) = 16x

VARIATION - Instrumental (11x)

PART I - Singing (5x)

VARIATION - Instrumental (8x)

FINISH

Final correction by Dorothy Daw, 1987

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*Joy of the song is of a maiden
asking her loved one to go to the
mountains to get some snow, bring
it back to her, lay it under straw
to keep it cold, so she can
make some ice cream*

Answers:

HEY-LEY-YAH-YAH-YAH

SHEE-NAH-NAI-NAI-NAI