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This dance is from TARON, in ancient Western Armenia. It was learned by Tom Bozigian in April 1974, from the OKTEMBERYAN TARON VILLAGE FOLK ENSEMBLE:

FORMATION: Mixed short lines, little finger hold, shoulder ht.

RECORD:

INTRODUCTION- Dance begins on 3rd measure of music.

2/4 PART I

I two-step beg L fwd (cts 1-2) hop L placing R in front on floor (ct 3) slight leap on R in place (upper body turning slightly LOD (ct &) (arms come down sharply on & of ct 3) leap bwd on L, extending R in front as L arm moves to small of back and R extends LOD (ct 4). Turn upper body CW to face out of circle, stepping on R, L arm remaining back (ct 5) hold (ct 6) hop on R in place as L touches floor to face LOD (ct 7) leap to L ft, R heel lifts slightly in back (ct &) slight leap to R ft, LOD, as L raises to side, hips swivel slightly to L side and fwd (ct 8) step L, LOD (ct 9) bounce once on L as R heel lifts slightly behind (cts 10, &) step on R- LOD (ct 11) pivot on R to face ctr as L ft touches beside R and arms raise to orig pos (ct 12)

TRANSITION (Music increases in speed)

Call "HEY" on ct 3 is signal by leader. "HEY" is given at leaders discretion. Repeat cts 1-4 of PART I. Walk 4 steps beg R in LOD, body leaning slightly each time to side of support ft (cts 5-8) On ct 8, body turns to face ctr and arms lower to side. Dancers respond with "HEY" on the & of 5,6,7--and on Ct 8.

PART II

Wt on L, leap on both to face ctr (ct 1) leap slightly onto R, raising L knee in front as arms raise to chest ht, bend sharply back from waist (ct &) L crosses in front of R and hands lower (ct 2)

Repeat cts 1,2 two more times or 3 times in all (cts 1-6) on 6th ct, hands remain up.

Hop on L in place as R heel extends to touch floor in front (ct 7) hold (ct 8) bringing hands down and behind sharply leap to both ft in place, wt on R (ct 9) hop on R in place, L lifts behind, bringing arms up again to orig pos (ct 10) hop on R again, L heel extends fwd on floor (ct 11) hop on R in place, L knee

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raises in front (ct 12) leap to both in place, straddle pos (ct 13) leap R in place, lift L behind sharply turning and moving LOD as hands are lowered to side (ct &) leap L across R (ct 14)

On the last time thru, repeat cts 1,&,2, stamping L over R as arms come down sharply.

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