KELEKVAN (Turkey)

Kelekvan (keh-LEHK-vahn) is from Van in East Anatolia. There is a wedding on the shore of the lake. To get to the ceremony, the bride and her family cross the turbulent water on a raft. Though the trip is dangerous, everyone is in high spirits in anticipation of the wedding. When the group reaches their destination, they retell their story in a dance demonstrating the motion of the water, the raft, and how they watched to make sure that no one had fallen into the lake. Translation: Raft on Van. Van is the name of a lake and a city on that lake. Kelek is a raft. The dance is in the Halay style

Cassette: Tamara 89 AL 003 Side A/5

4/4 meter

Formation: Straight line. Arms in halay pos: straight down, shldrs touching with hands hidden behind body, L shldr slightly in front of R. Hands joined by locking fingers together,

R under L.

Structure: Fig 1,3,5,7 vary in length. Fig 2,4,6,8 done 4x each.

Meas Ct Pattern

PART I INTRODUCTION.

1 1. Facing ctr, step fwd on L, Body remains back

- Bring ball of R fwd to meet L heel. Push slightly on ball of R helping to move hips in a small fwd/up and back/down motion.
- Return to orig pos stepping bkwd on R.
- Draw L back to meet R, L heel up so that toe is touching floor.
- 1 2. Fwd walking step on L.
 - 2 Lift R.

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- Fwd walking step on R.
- 4 Lift L.
- 2 5-8 Repeat cts 1-4.
- 1-4 3. Repeat Fig 1.
- 1 4. Step fwd on L, pivot to R on ball of L to turn body full 180° (facing bkwd). If hands are held correctly, R under L, there will be no finger breakers. When you turn R, R hand will be across your stomach, and L hand will be behind back. It should be comfortable.
 - 2 Lift R.
 - 3 Step fwd on R.
 - 4 Lift L.
- 5-8 Repeat cts 1-4, but walking in opp direction (to the back).

CHANGE FIGURE

- 1 Step fwd on L (facing bkwd still).
 - 2 Lift R.
 - Step onto R turning L 900 to face LOD. Bend fwd at waist.
 - Slide L on ball of ft so that heel meets R arch.

Kelekvan (cont'd)

- 5. During this Fig, M yell "Hey" followed by W ululating (lululu Facing LOD and bent fwd at waist as though looking in the water, step L to L, head turns L.
 - Slide R on ball of ft so that heel meets L arch.
 - 3 Step R to R, head turns R.
 - 4 Slide L into R in same manner as ct 2.

Return to Fig 1 again. When first stepping on L, turn to L to face fwd again.

PART II (from Fig 1)

- 1 6. Step fwd on L bending deeply at the knee.
 - 2 Step on R beside L.
 - 3 Step fwd again on L bending deeply at the knee.
 - 4 Hop on L lifting R and bringing it fwd.
- 2 5-8 Repeat cts 1-4 with opp ftwk.

Return to Fig 1.

- 1 7. Step fwd on L and pivot to the R 1800 as in Fig 4, but this time bending deeply at the knee.
 - Hop on L, lifting R.
 - Don't ct 3-4.
 - 5-8 Repeat Fig 6, cts 5-8.
 - 8. Repeat Fig 5 but start by stepping R to the R and sliding L. (The CHANGE FIG is the same too).

TO FINISH:

- 1 Step on R to R.
- 2 Slide L into R like before.
- Step on L, turning to L to face fwd, bending deeply at the knee.
- 4 Lift R back
- Step R beside L (ft together) and yell "HEY" Cts 1-4 are done 4x, followed by ct 5.

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