

SHEIKHANI

## Assyria

SOURCE: *Sheikhani* is the national Assyrian dance. The Assyrians today are a minority living in Iraq and parts of Iran. Sheikhani is a boy's name, and it is derived from the ancient Assyrian ta-ka'-ni, which means "come, be happy".

RECORD: Folkraft LP-4; Folkraft 1547 "Aino Kchume"

FORMATION: Arms straight down, shoulders close to neighbor's, fingers interlocked, Kurdish style.

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MUSIC: 2/4 PATTERN

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Measure

- 1 Facing center, step frwd. on L ft. (ct. 1); step-close R, L (cts. 2, 2&).
- 2 Step frwd on R ft. (ct. 1); touch L heel frwd. (ct. 2).
- 3 Step bkwd. on L ft., pivoting to face R, tucking L hand and neighbor's R hand into small of back (ct. 1); continuing R, step frwd. on R ft. (ct. 2).
- 4 Step frwd. on L ft. (ct. 1); step-close R, L (ct. 2, 2&).
- 5 Step frwd. on R ft. (ct. 1); step-close L, R (ct. 2, 2&).
- 6 Step frwd. on L ft. (ct. 1); turning to face center, step bkwd. on R ft. and bring hands straight down to begin dance steps.

NOTE: The walking in measures 3 and 4 (ct. 1) can also be step-hops. Same in measure 5 (ct. 1) and measure 6 (ct. 1).

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