

T'SAI CHA WU  
(Republic of China)

T'sai Cha Wu is a Tea Picking Dance. Tea is a famous product of China, and the work of picking tea leaves has always been accompanied with sweet voices of love songs. This dance came out from such an environment as described above. In Taiwan, there are dozens of Tea Picking Dances.

Pronunciation:

Record: C.C.S - 1980. 4/4 meter.

Formation: Cpls in single circle, facing ctr, W on M's R, hands joined in "V" pos.

Meas

Pattern

PART I.

- 1 Step R across L, lift L in back (ct 1); step L bkwd in place (ct 2); step R beside L (ct 3); R hop, lift L in front of R (ct 4).
- 2 Reverse action of meas 1.
- 3 Balance fwd and bkwd, beginning with R.
- 4-6 Repeat action of meas 1-3.

PART II.

- 7-8 Beginning with R, W move fwd, M move bkwd, take four two-steps. Each four beats do hand's movement: L hand on hip. R hand extend diag R, turn wrist, then swing to L hand.
- 9-10 W move bkwd, M move fwd, do the same movements as above, return to orig place.
- 11 Repeat action of meas 3.
- 12 Stamp R twice in place (cts 1,2, 3,4).

INTERLUDE

- 13-14 Facing ptr, both hands extend at L side, a little below waist level. Keep R shldrs twd each other. Lift R, then take eight small walking steps moving around ptr in CW circle.
- 15-16 Repeat action of meas 13-14 with reverse ftwk and direction hands at R side, L shldr twd each other, turning CCW.
- 17-18 M facing ctr, stamp R and clap hands in each two beats, W beginning with R, take the same steps as meas 13-14, move R and passes in front of M on the R, turning herself CW into new pos on his R.

Repeat from beginning.

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