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Translation: 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, Side _____, Band _____.

FORMATION: Cpls in a circle facing ctr, W on M's R with hands joined in "V" pos.

Ftwk same for both unless otherwise noted.

METER: 4/4

PATTERN

Meas.

INTRODUCTION:

PART I:

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

PART II:

- 1-2 Beginning R, W move fwd, M bkwd with 4 two-steps. On each ct do the following hand movements: L hand on hip, R hand extended diag R, turn wrist, then swing to L hand.
- 3-4 W move bkwd, M fwd repeating movements of meas 1-2 to orig place.
- 5 Repeat meas 3, Part I (balance).
- 6 Stamp R twice in place.

INTERLUDE:

- 1-2 Face ptr with both hands extended to L side a little below waist level; keep R shldr twd eachother and lift R ft, then take 8 small walking steps fwd around ptr in CW circle.
- 3-4 Reverse meas 1-2, hands at R side, L shldr twd ptr, circle CCW.
- 5-6 M face ctr, stamp R and clap hands twice on cts 1,3. W begin R and repeat meas 1-2 moving R and passing in front of M or R, turning CW into new position on M R side.