

YAYLALAR

This dance was learned from Hamit Celimli in Istanbul, Turkey, 1977. The dance is from Elazig and is done throughout Turkey. It represents the happy atmosphere of a village wedding. The tune is also well known.

Pronunciation: YIGH-lah-lar

Record: Horon 104, side 1, band 2. 2/4 meter.

Formation: M and W in a line or circle, standing very close together, so that your arms are straight down and touching neighbors' arms, L shoulders in front of R shoulders. Fingers should be gently interlocked and tension is maintained in the line by pressing your own arms close to yourself.

Cts

Pattern

INTRODUCTION (Lean R,L,R,L,R, and finish at center)

The introductory movement, getting ready for the dance, is done while zurna plays. Start dance with the drum. With bodies close, ft together, (4 cts); press R hand down and raise L hand as you lean to the R (4 cts); reverse hand pressure and lean to L (4 cts). Repeat leaning to R and to L for duration of introduction.

BASIC STEP

- 1 Step R to R.
- 2 Lean fwd slightly and step L across R with straight leg.
- 3 Step R to R, turning body slightly L.
- 4 Point L toe diag fwd L.
- 5 Step L in place, turning body slightly R.
- 6 Point R toe diag fwd R.

Repeat until end of singing and start of zurna solo.

TURNING STEP

- 1 Leader calls "haydi" or "hoppa" and everyone releases handhold and steps outside of the circle to make room for turning. Step R, starting to turn to R, and clap hands at shoulder level.
- 2 Step L continuing turn and clap hands.
- 3 Step R to R side completing turn, turning body slightly L, and clap.
- 4 Point L toe fwd L and clap.
- 5 Step L in place, turning body slightly R, and clap.
- 6 Point R toe fwd R and clap.

Repeat turning step three times, four in all, until singing starts, when you resume the close handhold and start dance over. It is important that the dancers stay close together during the turning step and move twd the ctr to a closer hold once the Basic Step resumes.

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YAYLALAR (continued)YAYLALAR
(Mountain Meadows)

Ay Akşamdan ışıktır
//Yaylalar yaylalar//
//Yüküm şimşir kaşıktır
Dilo dilo yaylalar//

Eğer anan koymazsa
//Yaylalar yaylalar//
//Vicdana danış da gel
Dilo dilo yaylalar//

Komşu kızını zapteyle
//Yaylalar yaylalar//
//Bizim oğlan aşiktir
Dilo dilo yaylalar//

Ayın yolunda yıldız
//Yaylalar yaylalar//
//Hardan gelirsen baldız
Dilo dilo yaylalar//

Ay akşamdan aşka gel
//Yaylalar yaylalar//
//Toprak yola düste gel
Dilo dilo yaylalar//

Sen git de ablan gelsin
//Yaylalar yaylalar//
//Duramirem yalınız
Dilo dilo yaylalar//

Ablan gitsin Bora gelsin
//Yaylalar yaylalar//
//Onu tercih ederiz
Dilo dilo yaylalar//

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