

YES GHARIB EM (THE STRANGER)

(Armenia)

PRONUNCIATION:

(YES gah-REE-been)

SOURCE: Armenian Youth Organizations of Los Angeles.

MUSIC: Express X 107-A. <sup>the stranger</sup> 2/4 meter.

FORMATION: Open mixed circle with little finger hold at shoulder height.

Meas.

PATTERNSTEP I.

- 1-2 Facing slightly and moving in LOD, 2 two-steps beginning R. Arms bend R from elbow on first two-step and L on second two-step.
- 3 Step R to R as hds go down (ct 1); raise L in front of R (ct 2).
- 4 Step L beside R as hds come up (ct 1); point R beside L as arms bend L (ct 2).
- 5-52 Repeat Step I, 12 more times (13 in all).

TRANSITION STEP

- 1-2 Repeat Step I, meas 1-2, but change arms to back baskethold.

STEP II.

- 1 Facing ctr but moving LOD, step R to R (ct 1); step L behind R (ct 2).
- 2 Step R to R (ct 1); touch L beside R (ct 2); kick L fwd (ct &).
- 3 Dip fwd on L (ct 1); step back on R (ct 2); kick L fwd (ct &).
- 4 Dip fwd on L (ct 1); hop slightly back on L as R lifts slightly behind (ct 2).
- 5-32 Repeat Step II 7 more times (8 in all).

STEP III.

- 1-36 Returning to little finger hold repeat Step I, 9 times.

ENDING.

- 1-2 Repeat Step I, meas 1-2.
- 3 Stamp R beside L as hds go sharply down (ct 1). Hold (ct 2).

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