EREV BA I

(Israel)

Erev Ba - l (air-eyv bah) "Evening Comes" was presented by Rivka Sturman at University of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp, 1965.

MUSIC: Record: Tivka 98 "Dance with Rivka," Side 1, Band 1

FORMATION: Short lines of dancers, leader at R end. Hands joined, elbows bent, forearms, one above the other, L on top.

STEPS AND STYLING: Walking step*, step-close step*. Stand close together, bodies relaxed, but not too much swd movement. Lines should move as one person.

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MUSIC 4/4

Measures PATTERN

4

INTRODUCTION - no action

I. FOLLOW THE LEADER

1

Face LOD and move CCW with two walking steps, R, L (cts 1-2), step fwd on R toe (ct 3) (incline body fwd over R, L clears the ground but remains in pos), hold (ct 4).

2

Step L in place (ct 1), close R to L (ct 2), step fwd L (ct 3), hold (ct 4).

The body rises and falls on these steps, with wt fwd on ball of ft.

3-8

Repeat action of meas 1-2 three more times. Lower joined hands.

II. WALK AND TAP

1

Move CCW with two walking steps, R, L (cts 1-2), step swd R with R, face ctr; sway body twd LOD, L ft remains in place (ct 3), hold (ct 4).

2

Transfer wt to L ft, sway twd L (ct 1) (R ft remains in place), hold (ct 2). Bend knees, bring R ft to L, tap heel lightly beside L toe, ft pointed twd ctr (ct 3), lift heel slightly from floor and straighten L knee (ct 4).

3-8

Repeat action of meas 1-2 (Fig II) 3 more times.

EREV BA - Evening's Come

Sounds of the flocks returning to the village
And dust is rising on country paths
In the distance a pair of bells
Keeps the lengthening shadows company
Evening's come, evening's come,
The wind whistles softly through village fences
In cypress crowns the doves begin their slumber
And far away the shoulders of the hill
Are being kissed by the last lingering rays.

Evening's come, evening's come.
The rose dreams once more its dreams of slow beauty,
And one by one the stars begin to bloom
And far away in the darkened valley
The coyote howls her welcome to the night.
Night has fallen, it is night.