

CHING-CHUN WU-CHU
(Republic of China)

Ching-Chun Wu-Chu means "Spring Song," and is a simple Sin-Chiang dance. The music is a very famous folk song. Almost everybody can sing it. The head-swaying movement shows the anxious desire of a girl waiting for the sudden presence of her lover.

Pronunciation:

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

Formation: Mixed circle, facing ctr.

Styling: The head-swaying, shldr-moving, toe-step, fingers-snappings are the main characteristics of the Sin-Chiang dance.

Meas

Pattern

PART I.

- 1 Extend R arm to R, raise L arm high. Take two R stamps in place, snap fingers twice.
- 2 Turning slightly to R, take a two-step to R, hand's movements as in meas 1.
- 3-4 Reverse action of meas 1-2.
- 5-6 Step R to R (cts 1,2); step L toe across in back of R (cts 3-8). At the same time, do the Sin-Chiang shldr movement.
- 7-8 Step R toe to diag R (ct 1); step L next to R (ct 2); repeat this action three times.
Both hands in front of waist, elbow bent at sides, gradually raise to head level, snap fingers four times.
- 9-10 Reverse action of meas 7-8 to diag L.

PART II.

- 11-13 Beginning with R, take six two-steps, make a CW circle, then return to orig place, facing ctr again.
Hand movements: R extend to R, L raise high, snap fingers (cts 1,2); reverse this action (cts 3,4). Repeat action of cts 1-4 twice.
- 14 Step R to R, clap hands (ct 1); step L toe across in back of R, swing hands, let L hand in front of chest, palm facing L, fingers point up, R hand above head, palm up (ct 2); head-swaying (cts 3,4).

Beginning with L, repeat the whole dance with opp ftwk, hand pos, and direction.

Note: This dance can be done as a cpl dance; ptrs facing each other do the same movements as described above.

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