

Morena do Mar

(Brazil)

This dance was choreographed by Lucia Cordeiro in 2007 to music by Dorival Caymmi (Bahia). The singer is Edil Pacheco. This is one of the classical pieces of “beach music” from Dorival Caymmi, a great Brazilian composer from the last century. It's a love song. This Afro-Brazilian rhythm is called *afoxe* and has a smooth, gentle beat that reproduces the ocean tides. The words refer to a man's passion for a brunette. All the gifts he brings her are attributes of Yemanja, goddess of the sea.

Pronunciation: moh-REYH-nah doh mahr

Translation: Brunette from the Sea

Music: 4/4 meter

Lucia Cordeiro: Brazilian Soul, Track 7

Formation: Circle of individuals, facing ctr with arms are free. Can also be done in short lines in escort pos.

Meas 4/4 meter

Pattern

10 meas INTRODUCTION. No action. Dancers may move to the rhythm in place. Start with vocals.

I. MOVE RIGHT AND SWAY.

1 Step R to R (ct 1); step L next to R (ct 2); step R to R (ct 3); step L next to R (ct 4).

2 Sway to R (ct 1); bounce on R (ct 2); sway to L (ct 3); bounce on L (ct 4).

3-8 Repeat meas 1-2 three times.

9 Face ctr and step R fwd (ct 1); touch L next to R (ct 2); step L bkwd (ct 3); touch R next to L (ct 4).

II. IN AND OUT.

1 Leaning slightly fwd and moving diag R, step R fwd (ct 1); step L next to R (ct &); step R fwd (ct 2); step L fwd (ct 3); step L next to L (ct &); step L fwd (ct 4).

2 Moving bkwd (making a pie shape), step R bkwd (ct 1); bounce on R (ct 2); step L bkwd (ct 3); bounce on L (ct 4). Straighten up and shimmy (optional).

4-10 Repeat meas 1-2 four times.

If done in lines, hands are in V-pos and body is bent slightly fwd during meas 1; hands are raised to W-pos and body is straightened during meas 2.

Sequence: Fig I twice, Fig II, Fig I, Fig II for a total of 23 meas, Fig I, Fig II for a total of 23 meas, Fig II meas I only.

Presented by Lucia Cordeiro

Lyrics

MORENA DO MAR

Morena do mar, sou eu, morena do mar
 morena do mar sou eu que acabei de chegar
 Morena do mar, eu disse que ia voltar
 ah, eu disse que ia chegar, cheguei!

Para te agradar, ai eu trouxe os peixinhos do mar,
 Morena, para te enfeitar, eu trouxe as conchinhas do
 mar as estrelas do ceu, morena, as estrelas do mar.

Ai as pratas e os ouros de Iemanja

BRUNETTE OF THE SEA

Brunette of the sea, it's me, brunette of the sea
 Brunette of the sea, it's me who has just arrived
 Brunette of the sea, I said I was coming back
 Ah, I said I was coming, here I am!

I brought little sea fishes to please you, Brunette,
 and I brought little sea shells to make you beautiful
 and stars from the sky, Brunette, and stars from the sea

Ah, the silver and gold of Yemanja