

How Do You Doo-Tee

(Australia)

This is a very funny greeting activity learned from André de Quadros at the 1994 American Orff-Schulwerk conference. A well-known Australian music educator, he is active in the national Australian family music association called "Parents for Music." This is one way they begin their programs.

Formation: Dancers in a closed circle, own arms crossed with one over the other, holding hands with the people on either side.

PATTERN

1. Turn head to one side. Say:
"How do you doo-tee, how do you doo-tee, how do you do to day (to-DYE)."
2. Change crossed arms with the other arm on top and turn head the other way. Say:
"Do you live where you used to live, or have you shifted away (ah-WHY)."
3. Change crossed arms to the first configuration and turn head the first way. Say:
"I'm sorry you're so disagreeable—I only stopped to say (SIGH)."
4. Drop arms and move quickly to another place in the circle, while saying:
"How do you doo-tee, how do you doo-tee, how do you do today (to-DYE)."
As you rejoin the circle, cross your arms and begin again.

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