

Chu Ku Wu

(Taiwan)

Notes by Andrew Carnie (based on notes by Chin-Shan Chang)

Record CCS1980 4/4 meter

Formations: individuals in a circle; line with R hands on R neighbor's R shoulder

The following description is taken from Chin-Shan Chang's original notes:

"This amusing and entertaining Taiwanese Folk dance and song show the grasshopper teasing the rooster. This is reflected in the sudden jerking forward and backward, and the slight bending of the knees. The dancing style, called Chu Ku Nung is over 300 years old, from the region of Fukien, a province in the SE part of China where many Taiwanese originated. Influenced by local geography and living conditions this style has become a prototype for new dances in Taiwan"

Two bars introduction.

Introduction

Do bars 1-2 of interlude step (see below)

Chorus Step

Bar 1

R	L	R	L
rock forward on R	Rock back on L	step in LOD	step in LOD

Bar 2

R	L	R	
in LOD	in LOD	in LOD	pause

Bar 3-4 repeat 1-2 with opp ftwrk

Bar 5-8 Repeat 1-4

Bar 9 using two buzz steps (step down on R, push off with L), R hand is up, L hand is down. R hand turns out on counts 1 and 3

Bar 10 facing center

R	L	L	R
Step R to R	Lift L	step L to L	lift R

(Chu Ku Wu continued)

Interlude Step

Bar 1 facing center

R	L	R	L
rock forward on R	Rock back on L	place	step in place
arms roll around one another forward	Arms roll backwards		

Bar 2 facing center

R	L	R	L
rock backward on R	Rock forward on L	place	step in place
arms roll around one another backwards	Arms roll forward		

Bars 3-4 repeat bars 1-2