

ODE TO BAY OSOS FOLK DANCERS

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Gathering together on a Tuesday afternoon
Knowing that we'll be having fun soon
Eager and ready to dance the program
Prepared for us by our mentor, Anne

Happy folk are we
dancing with pride and glee
Revising what we've learned in the past
cementing it in our heads at last!

Leaping and hopping
never stopping
Arms and feet
Moving to the beat

A yemenite here, a grapevine there,
Sometimes in a circle, sometimes a pair
Tempo fast, tempo slow
No matter what, it's done with gusto!

A new pattern, figure or set
We shall master all of them yet
Even if it takes a while
nothing will beat our style!

Teachers we have a few
And always willing to learn something new
We dance with content
until we are spent!

Quickly taking a ten minute thirst-quenching break
And possibly to relax any bones that may ache
Then onto the floor once more
this time dancing to requests galore

Ending the class with a hug all around
Happy and smiling faces abound
Hearts and minds filled with good cheer
"See you next week" we frequently hear

Through music and song we travel
always knowing there'll be a story to unravel
or an amusing ditty to be translated; occasionally
discovering a different version of the dance as stated!

It cannot be denied
We are transported far and wide
From village to village we glide
dancing side by side

Seasonal events are certainly celebrated by us
Dressing for the occasion, we make quite a fuss
Sometimes also performing our dances elsewhere
by request certainly puts our skills to the test!

Nevertheless onward we surge, and serve
our wonderful community with zeal and verve
welcoming all and sundry to our group
even if it's merely to take a look!

Your presence is much appreciated
Having you join us, we're elated!
So newcomers please don't hesitate
Don't miss out on this weekly date!

The bug will bite
with all its might
empowering one to dance with sheer delight
to limits beyond any known height!

Thank you Anne, for making our day
Don't ever cancel the class, we pray
Three cheers to you teachers all
For giving us the opportunity to have a ball!