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Թոյ, թոյ, թոյ Նարկիզ, Թոյ, թոյ, թոյ Նարկիզ, Վայրի կըռունկ էրկէն վիզ, Կա'կո, մա'րէ, կարգէ զիս։

Զիս մի տար Վանա խոջին, Կ'Խրթա չարշին՝ մոռնա զիս։ Զիս մի տար տիրացու մարդուն, Կ'երթա ժամտուն՝ մոռնա զիս։

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HEY, NARCISSUS

Chorus: Hey, hey, hey, Narcissus (repeat)
Wild crane, long neck
Mother Gago, marry me.

Don't give me to the rich man of Van,)
He'll go to market and forget me:) repeat

Chorus

Don't give me to the deacon,)
He'll go to church and forget me:) repeat

Chorus: Toi, toi, toi, Nargiz (repeat)

Vyree geroong errgan veez

Gago, mahray, garkay zees.

Zees mee dar vahnah khochin)
Gerta kharshin morna zees:) repeat

Chorus

Zees mee dar deerahtzu martum,)
Gerta dzamdum morna zees:) repeat

Chorus

Zees mee dar tulkar martu,)
Ped ge dasha morna zees:) repeat

Chorus

Zees dur cordzavor martu,)
Mecuk tala gancha zees:) repeat

Chorus,

Don't give me to the carpenter,)
He'll plane off wood and forget me:) repeat

Chorus

Give me to a weaver,)
While passing the shuttle he'll call me:) repeat

Chorus

Note: Mother Gago -- akin to Mother Goose or Mother Hubbard, a folk symbol

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Band 2. INCH INCH ASSEM? Love Song. Susan vocal ensemble directed by V. Saakian with instrumental accompaniment.

משטל, העם" עטבע

Արտէն տուն իրիկնապահին Ընչերներով ման կը գային, Բացւել է ղէմքը երկնային... Արել ասեմ Թէ, լուսին ասեմ Թէ, ինչ , ինչ ասեմ գեղեցիկ եարին։

րրչ , իրչ ասեղ արսւշիկ բաևիր։ Նատարս ասբի չէ, շածաև ասբղ չէ, Ռոմ չ չ չ նխսւրծոբ և ցն... Որս չ չ և ջժուղ զբսիցն.

մապացոյց դարդերը Թողել Դարձեալ Նստեր եար կը գով է, Հետս էլ չի խօսի, խռովել... Համր ասեմ ԹԷ, պլպուլ ասեմ ԹԷ, ինչ՝, ինչ ասեմ սիրունիկ եարին։ Arden doon irignabahin
Ungernerov man gu kayin,
Patzvel e temku yergnayin...
Arev assem te loossin assem te
Inch, Inch assem keghetzig yarin?

Yerkoom e serdi seritzu, Sazn el chi tzkoom tzeritze, Tapvoom h shertoonkneritze... Nabad assem te shakar assem te, Inch, Inch assem anooshig yarin?

Abatzooytz tartere toghel Tartzyal nusder yar ke knove, Heds el chi khossi, khrovel... Hamr assem te blbool assem te, Inch, Inch assem siroonig yarin?

WHAT, WHAT SHALL I SAY?

Returning from the field at dusk
They were walking along with a friend,
Your heavenly face is radiating...
Shall I say it's the sun or the moon?
What, what shall I say to my beautiful beloved?

Singing of the love of her heart
Holding the saz in her hand,
Falling from her lips....
Shall I say it's nabad or sugar?
What, what shall I say to my sweet beloved?

Proof - she has left her cares
Still she praises her beloved,
She does not speak to me, she is moody....
Shall I say she is mute, or shall I say she is
a nightingale?
What, what shall I say to my pretty beloved?

Note: Saz -- a long-necked instrument.
"nabad" -- sweets, as sugar or rock-candy.

Band 4. GEZALS KHROVE. Folk Song. S. Mkrtchian with folk instrumental ensemble.

Gezals khrove, intz hed chee khosum, Kone chee yerevah badgere desnem, (repeat)

Belbul lezveetz anoosh tsynee chem lesum, Kone chee yerevah, badgere desnem, (repeat)

Chorus: Turs aree maydan,
Sareree sayran,
Khavakhkee gezal djan,
Yes kezee haran.

(repeat)

Asee shod mee seeree, verchum adell ga, Asee shod mee seeree, verchum seerell ga, (repeat)

Ashoogh shahenee hed kez badahell ga, Gezal djan, turs aree, badgerret desnem. (repeat)

Chorus

MY BELOVED IS SULKING

My beloved is sulking, he isn't talking to me, Let him show up at least, so I can see his face. (repeat)

I hear no sweet voice from his nightingale's tongue, Let him show up at least, so I can see his face. (repeat)

Chorus: Come outside,
Gazelle of the mountains,
The belle of Chavakh,
I'll be buttermilk for you.

SIDE 2

Band 1. AKHALKALAKI. Dance Song.
L. Madolan and G. Giurjan, duduks;
M. Osanesian, drum. The duduks (reed instruments) play the tune with drum accompaniment. The first part of the record is actually an introduction to the dance.

Band 2. SHALAKHO. Dance Song. L. Macolan and G. Giurjan, duduks; M. Osanesian, drum.

Band 3. ARMENIAN ROUNDELAYS. Folk instrumental ensemble directed by A. Merangulian, featuring tar, kemancha, and kanoon.

ԳԻՒԶԱԼՍ ԽՌՈՎ Ե

Գիւզալըս խռով է, ինձ հետ չի խօսում, Գոնէ չի երեւա պատկերը տեսնեմ, Բըլրուլ լեզւից անուշ ձայնը չեմ լսում, Գոնէ չի երեւա, պատկերը տեսնեմ։ Գուրս արի մէյդան, Սարերի սէյրան, Զաւախքի գիւզալ ջան, ես քեզի հէյրան:

Ասի շատ մի սիրի, վերջում ատել կա,
Ասի շատ մի ատի, վերջում սիրել կա,
Աշուղ Շահէնի հետ քեզ պատահել կա,
Գիւզալ ջան, դուրս արի, պատկերդ տեսնեմ։
Դուրս արի մէյդան,
Սարերի սէյրան,
Զաւախքի գիւզոլ չան,
Ես քեզի հէյրան։

I said, don't love too much, there's hating afterwards,
I said, don't hate too much, there's loving afterwards. (repeat)

Like the minstrel el Shahem I sing hoping thereby to meet you, Come outside, my beloved, so I can see your face. (repeat)

Chorus

Note: The word "she" can be substituted for
"he" depending upon who is singing.
"Buttermilk" is affectionate term,
like "darling" or "honey-lamb."

"Belle of Chavakh" is a folk symbol.
Shahem is a famous minstrel.

Band 4. SHIRAKI GEVONDI. Folk Dance. Shirak Roundelays Folk Instrumental Ensemble directed by A. Merangulian, featuring kemancha and kanoon. As the tempo of the music increases the dancers move faster and faster.

For additional information on Armenian folk music and middle east music culture see Ethnic Folkways Library record album notes on Music of the Middle East, U.S.S.R. P 416.

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