

Clouds

Music: Susan Sheely and Oraea Varis

Movements: Susan Sheely

Words: Birdsong by Rumi, trans. Coleman Barks

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of three staves. The lyrics are: "This is how I would die, in - to the love I have for you, have for you, As pie - ces of cloud dis - solve in sun - light, As sun - light. La il - la - ha il - la - 'llah, La il - la - ha il - la - 'llah, Hu Al - lah hu, Hu Al - lah hu." The chords are: 1 Am, Dm, G, 1 Am, 2 Am; 2 Am, Dm, G, 1 Am, 2 E7, 3 Am, Dm; G, Am/E7, 4 Am, Dm, G, Am/E7.

Choose partners, then face center of circle and take hands.

1. Step in with a Mevlevi walk on a diagonal to the right, starting on the right foot (R, L, pause), then step in on a diagonal to the left, starting on the left foot (L, R, pause). On "into," step out, starting on a diagonal to the right (R, L, pause) and then to the left (L, R, pause). The hands are crossed over the heart.

Repeat these movements when the music repeats.

2. Face partner, take hands high with arms out from sides, and make a slow turn clockwise, one step per measure. On repeat, turn individually in a clockwise direction from the progressed position.

3. Take hands in circle, facing right, and move to the right in a waltz movement (large R, small L, [small R]; large L, small R, [small L]; etc.) for both repetitions.

4. Turn clockwise individually; on the repeat, turn counter-clockwise.

This can lead nicely into a zikr, continuing with repetitions of only the "la illaha" phrase, ending with "Allah HU."