

Light a Candle

Open tuning
(standard chords also shown)

Words, melody and movements by
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Chords: D m, A m, D m, G, D m

1 2

L partner

R partner

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A partner Dance honoring the Light we ignite and share with one another, the immanent light and the eternal, Divine Light.

- 1) Facing center, holding together fingertips and thumb of each hand upright like flames, beginning with both "flames" held together at the heart, each partner extends one flame to touch partner's flame at "dark," as if passing this flame from one candle to another: the Left-side partner reaches with right hand to touch left-hand "flame-tip" of partner at Right. Then, as the "echo" line is sung, each passes this same flame to the person on other side ("flames" remain pointing upwards throughout, touching again at "dark"). As notated, the person on Left first sings the line, then the person on the Right follows immediately. After touching with partner, then passing this flame once across to other side, return flames to heart.
- 2) Facing center, gently opening arms out, palms up, at about shoulder level, praising the Light; all sing "Ya Nur" together.
- 3) Turning to face partner, reaching right hand to other's heart and landing there at "heart," cupping partner's hand over your own heart with your left hand; as in movement 1, the Left partner sings the line first, then the Right partner follows.
- 4) All singing "Ya Nur" together, turning and passing your partner, right shoulders, in your line of direction (counter-clockwise movers may turn $\frac{3}{4}$ to R; clockwise movers $\frac{3}{4}$ to L), and concluding by facing center to begin again.

As the light is passed one to another, so are the melody and words of this Dance "passed" from one partner to another. The feel is gentle, with a sense of anticipation of the triumphant return of Light. This Dance may be especially appropriate for the Winter Solstice period -- through to Candlemas in early February -- or anytime to invoke victory of Light over darkness. Ya Nur, one of the 99 Beautiful Names, means here "O, Divine Light."

