

# The Lion Sleeps Tonight

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**Count:** 96      **Wall:** 2      **Level:** Phrased High Beginner

**Choreographer:** Roly Ansano (USA), Dec 2015

**Music:** The Lion Sleeps Tonight (Re-Recorded by Robert John)

**Intro: 32 counts - Seq: AA-BC-BC-BC-Tag-AA-BC-C**

**For Robert John's short track (2.37) follow this sequence: 32-count intro from first note of track, C-BC-BC-A-BC-B(16)**

**SECTION A - 32 counts**

**A[1-16] STATIONARY WALKS, WIPER ARMS, SLEEP MOTION**

- 1-2** Step R in place (right forearm across chest), hold (bend knees slightly)
- 3-4** Step L in place (left forearm across chest), hold (bend knees slightly)
- 5-8** Repeat 1-4
- 9-12** Step R side. Hold for 3 counts. Bending knees, cross and uncross arms across chest tracing a vertical circle for 2 counts. Body upright, drop elbows at sides holding out claws.
- 13-16** Hold for 4 counts. Palms pressed together, hold hands under left jaw to motion sleep.

**A[17-32] KNEE BOUNCES, WIPER ARMS, SLEEP MOTION**

- 1-4** Pop knees and bounce upper body (4X). Shield eyes with right palm , turning head to right.
- 5-8** Repeat 1-4 with left hand to opposite direction.
- 9-16** Repeat 9-16 above.

**SECTION B**

**B[1-8] STEP-SCUFF, FORWARD ROCK, BACK STEPS**

- 1-4** Step R forward, brush L forward, step L forward, brush R forward
- 5-8** Rock R forward. Recover to L, step R back, step L back (to side of R)

**B[9-16] KNEE POPS**

- 1-2** Pop knees and bounce upper body twice. Arms out to sides, body angled left.
- 3-4** Pop knees and bounce upper body twice. Arms out to sides body angled right.
- 5-8** Repeat 1-4

### **B[17-24] TURNING VINE, WEAVE**

- 1-2 Step R side, cross L behind R
- 3-4 Turn 1/4 right and step R forward, step L forward
- 5-6 Pivot 3/4 right, step L side
- 7-8 Cross R behind L, step L side

### **B[25-32] WEAVE, TURNING VINE**

- 1-2 Cross R over, step L side
- 3-4 Cross R behind L, step L side and turn 1/4 left
- 5-6 Step R forward, pivot 3/4 left
- 7-8 Step R side, cross L behind R

## **SECTION C**

### **C[1-16] SIDE-CLOSE-SIDE-CLOSE STEPS**

- 1-2 Step R side bending knees. Hold. Elbows at sides, drum palms down onto each other twice.
- 3-4 Step L together. Relax knees and arms.
- 5-8 Repeat 1-4
- 9-16 Repeat 1-8 leading with opposite foot

### **C[17-24] OUT-OUT, IN-IN, FORWARD SHUFFLES**

- 1-2 Step R diagonally front, step L diagonally front
- 3-4 Step R back, step L back
- 5&6 Step R forward, slide L behind, step R forward (right arm out front)
- 7&8 Step L forward, L, slide R behind, step L forward (left arm out front)

### **C[25-32] HALF-TURN STEPS, BEND BACK, UNBEND**

- 1-4 Step R forward, pivot 1/2 left, step R forward, step L together
- 5-6 Throw arms up and arch back vocalizing "whoop", hold
- 7-8 Drop arms and unbend body, hold

### **TAG [1-16]**

- 1-2 Step R diagonally front, step L diagonally front
- 3-4 Step R back, step L together

- 5-6** Shuffle RLR in place, body to right
- 7-8** Turn 1/4 left and shuffle LRL in place
- 9-16** Repeat 1-8

**NOTE: As a Showcase dance, use the 32-count Intro plus the 32-count Section A as introductory assembly and entrance to the main dance.**

**The new sequence begins with a single A section.**

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