

CHICKEN DANCE

"AMERICA'S FAVORITE PASTIME"

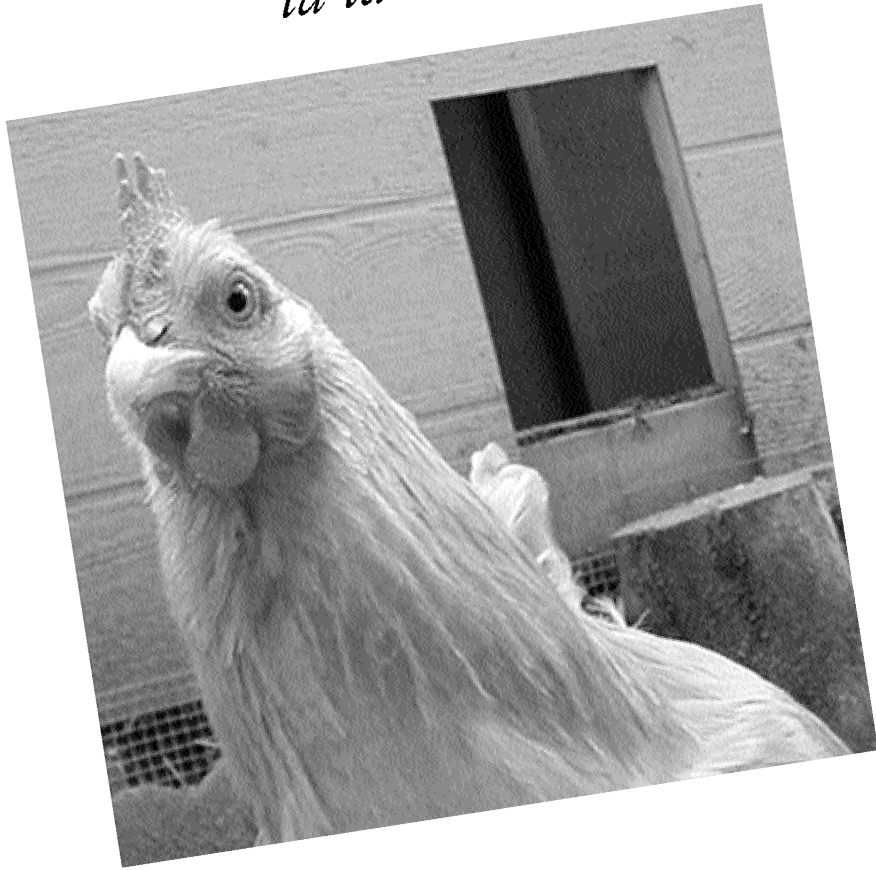


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*Dedicated to
Halley, Joseph, and Tyler Morical.*

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Step 7: Repeat the steps above when the music changes.

THE END

The "Chicken Dance"

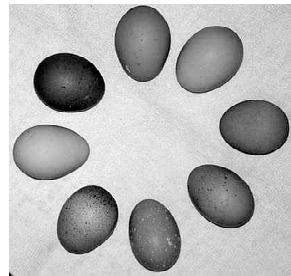
song was written in the late 1950s by a Swiss accordion player named Werner Thomas, who at the time tended a flock of ducks and geese. Thomas began performing his unnamed song at his Davos restaurant around 1963 and got an immediate reaction.

The "Chicken Dance" was introduced in the United States in 1981 (My birth year) during the Tulsa Oktoberfest by the Heilbronn Band from Germany. The song was originally named "der ententanz," which translated means the "Duck Dance."

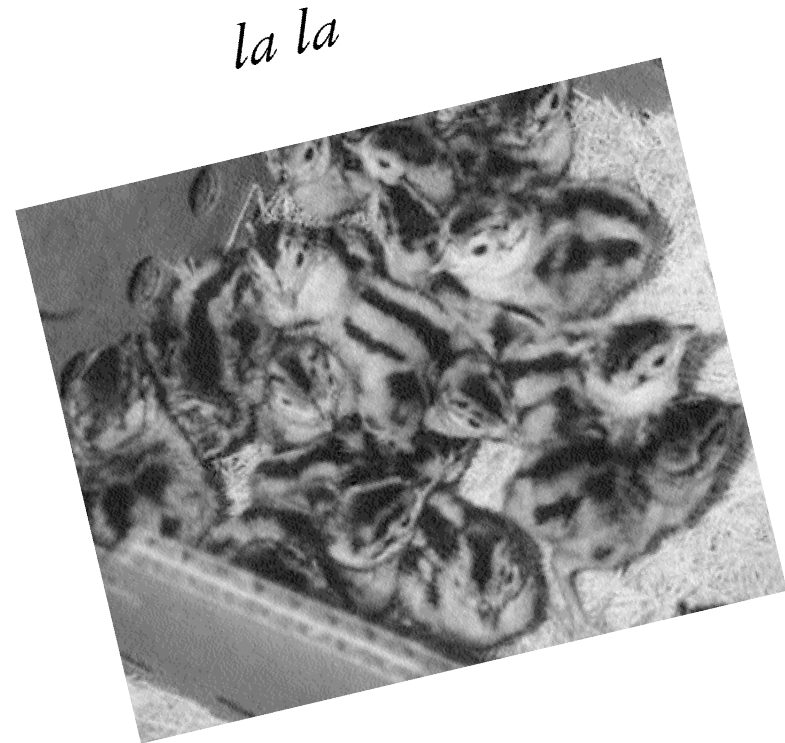
At the time of the Tulsa Oktoberfest, though, there was not a duck costume to be found anywhere near Tulsa. However, a chicken costume was available at one of the local television stations, and the station graciously donated the costume for use at the festival. That's how we got the Chicken Dance!

Chicken Dance Steps:

Step 1: Form a large circle



Step 6: Skip around when the music changes possibly locking arms with another person and spinning in a circle.



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Step 2: Hold hands up in air and open and close them like a chicken beak 4 times.



Step 5: Clap four times.

I don't wanna be a chicken,



I don't wanna be a duck,



Step 3: Flap your arms like a chicken 4 times.

Step 4: Wiggle your hips and knees and bend low (shake your butt).



So I Shake my Butt.



**Chicken Dance
Elmo**

