

FOLK SONGS OF CHINA'S TAJIK & RUSSIAN MINORITIES

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This album features folk songs from the Tajik and Russian ethnic minority groups living in the western and northwestern areas of Xinjiang, China. These folk songs have an earthy beauty that is theirs alone. Many of the Tajik songs featured here are accompanied by the Rewap – an ancient stringed instrument made from mulberry trunks. The sound is similar to that of an acoustic guitar, but the tone is brighter and more elastic. Many of the Russian songs feature the Bayan (a type of accordion) and the Balalaika.

TAJIK

1	Power of Love	4:17
2	Adorable Mang Gu Li	4:04
3	Flowers of Xingong	3:44
4	Endless Longing	3:34
5	In a Cluster of Flowers	3:16
6	Looking Smart	2:07
7	The Yellow Head Scarf	2:06
8	Why are the Flowers so Red?	3:15
9	Like Flowers (Birds Chirp Happily)	7:20
10	My Beloved	2:12
11	Peach Blossoms	4:58

12	A Flying Eagle	3:47
13	Your Bright Face	2:29
14	Bird's Greetings	2:11

RUSSIAN

15	Was it My Fault?	1:25
16	A Riverside Log Cabin	3:42
17	Kardelen (Russian folk dance music)	2:26
18	Millions of Roses	5:18
19	Destiny	3:30
20	Harsh Winter	2:40

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 68:56

Nezerbay – Vocals 1, 5, 9 • **Rawap** 1–14 • **Mardan** – Satar 1–14, Vocals 9 • **Shahmat** – Hand drum 1–14
Maryamhan Adil – Vocals 2, 4, 10 • **Pahtiyek** – Vocals 3, 6, 11–14 • **Rehimbay** – Vocals 7, 8
Lidia Luniauv – Vocals 15, 18, 20 • **Balalaika** 15 • **Vladimir Mokilin** – Vocals 16, 17, 19
Bayan 16–20 • **Zazulina Vera** – Vocals 18, 20

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