10 BRAZILIAN FOLK TUNES

For Guitar

Harmonized by Isaias Savio
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MARACATU
— a dance of African origin, found in Recife, representing a court with king, queen, and vassals. They sing, accompanied by percussion instruments (bells, cuicas /a drum-like instrument open at one end and having a stick attached to the center of the drum skin which, when rubbed, produces a grunting noise/). More recently, wind and stringed instruments have been used for accompaniment.

MODINHA
— usually a nostalgic song with romantic verses on the subject of love. It is widely used in serenades, with guitar accompaniment (almost always in minor keys).

SAPO JURURU (cururu)
which means “sad frog” because of the melancholy sounds which it makes toward the evening. This is a lullaby which the Negro women used to sing to children.

TOADA
— a ballad or a song. The rhythm and accompaniment vary in the different regions of Brazil.

LUNDU
— a dance and a song of African and Amerindian origin. At the beginning of the 20th century it was taken over by the salons, where it is accompanied by piano or guitar.

SAMBALELE
— a humorous name given to freed slaves who spent the money which they earned at the “samba clubs” making fun of the Negroes who were still slaves. The latter got even by hitting the freedmen. The word means “the staggering drunk” or “the mad dancer” in an African language.

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TWO LULLABIES

Quasi adagio ($\frac{\text{i}}{\text{m}}=54$)

Lento ($\frac{\text{j}}{\text{m}}=60$)
SAPO JURURU
(Lullaby)

Lentamente \( \frac{4}{\text{beat}} = 63 \)

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LUNDU

Allegretto moderato \( \frac{4}{\text{beat}} = 92 \)
DESPEGIDA

Andante ($\text{\textit{d}}=69$)
PEIXE VIVO
("toada")

Andantino (♩=76)

Poco meno

a tempo
MULHER RENDEIRA
(a "toada" from Northeast of Brazil)

Cantabile (\( \dot{\text{f}} = 69 \))

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