

LAS TIYAS

The Jewish holidays were so important and so much fun when I was growing up in Vlasenica, especially those which lasted more than one day, like Pesah, Hanuka, Sukot. The whole *mishpaha* (family) would gather at the home of a different aunt each night to eat and sing, carrying on the custom of family closeness which had helped preserve our culture for more than 450 years. The names of my aunts reflected the lovely Sephardic tradition of giving beautiful names to their daughters, each with a special meaning: Luna-moon, Safira- Sapphire, Estreja-star, Paloma-dove.

Rhythmically, *allegretto*

Music: FLORY JAGOD/

Lyrics: Traditional

G D7

Ti - ya Ma - zal - ta mus va a - ya - mar no - chi di Ha - nu -

G D7

ka Ti - ya Gras - ya mus va a - ya - mar no - chi di Ha - nu -

G C D7

ka par - a sin - der las kan - de - li - kas kun

G C

to - da la mish - pa - cha las Ha - nu - ki - yas di

D7 G G

sir - ma blan - ka mus ka - li a - lim

gliss.

lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai

D7 1. G 2. G

lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai