

1: LETS TWIST AGAIN Chords - Chubby Checker | E-Chords

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Getty Images The finger presses the plastic button. The little black disc drops down and the needle finds the groove. Each dancer is facing a partner, moving on the spot, without touching. Their arms are going from side to side in time with the rhythm while their knees turn in the opposite direction, a contra-rotational movement involving a demure swivel of the pelvis. Their fresh faces are registering surprise and delight. This is something new. The voice coming from the jukebox is that of Chubby Checker, and the song is the Twist. The Twist is a dance for different times. The absence of body contact is significant. Rather than going through a set of predetermined steps, you are free to use dancing as a means of self-expression, of doing your own thing, though that phrase will not come into use until the 60s have become fully swinging. And since you are not physically attached to your partner, there is nothing to stop you drifting away to dance with someone else who has caught your eye of course, you can also have that humiliation visited upon you, and find yourself dancing alone. Finally, there is no leader: Fifty years ago, this felt like a revolution. One evening in the late summer of 1958, I was invited to a teenage party at which a very pretty girl and I were the only ones who knew how to do the Twist. The others gathered round, watching eagerly and then trying for themselves this move that seemed to demolish not just the dance styles but the moral and social structures of the past. For a while, the Twist was ours and ours alone. But not for long. No one knows how the Twist began. The word was used in connection with dancing in a number of songs during the first half of the 20th century, but the song itself seems to have been written, in its first form, in by Brother Joseph Wallace of the Sensational Nightingales, a prominent gospel group. Its profoundly secular nature prevented him performing it himself, but when the Nightingales found themselves sharing a Florida hotel with the popular and very secular Hank Ballard and the Midnighters, Wallace offered them his song. Ballard modified the melody and chords to fit the conventional bar blues structure, and the following year, at the Cincinnati studio of King Records, the group committed the result to tape. As occasionally happened, however, disc jockeys decided they preferred the Twist and played it at teenage functions. It won particular favour in Baltimore, where the audience at a TV show for local teens made up a dance to go with it. This was quickly spotted by Philadelphia-based disc jockey Dick Clark, who already had a national following for his own TV show, American Bandstand, which was broadcast in an early evening slot on weekdays. Barely into his 30s, the clean-cut Clark was building an empire, and his cultural impact and commercial power were already enormous. Lowe selected one of his contracted artists, a cheerful, good-looking, puppy-fattish year-old called Ernest Evans whose professional name, Chubby Checker, paid homage to Fats Domino, but whose previous recordings had provoked little response. By the end of the year, however, it had been forgotten. The Twist already seemed to have gone the way of its predecessors, in double-quick time. As things turned out, it was only sleeping, and was destined to be the year of the Twist. At the start of the year Checker had a second No 1 with another dance-craze song, Pony Time, but his next record was a flop. More tuneful than the original, it reached the US Top 10. Elsewhere, meanwhile, events were conspiring to revive what had begun to look like a time-expired fad. On West 45th Street in midtown Manhattan, a small nightclub called the Peppermint Lounge was setting aside its past as a sleazy leather bar. Owned by the Genovese crime family, and operated by one of its underbosses, Matty "The Horse" Ianniello, as part of a string of strip clubs and gay bars, it had acquired as resident band a young New Jersey group called Joey Dee and the Starlites. Since the club was licensed to hold no more than 100 people, those crowds could never be huge. What counted was not the size but the nature of the audience, for in the late summer of the Peppermint Lounge enlisted the services of Earl Blackwell, publisher of the Celebrity Register, to arrange visits by a couple of New York columnists: Igor Cassini, who contributed gossip items to the daily Journal-American under the byline "Cholly Knickerbocker", and Eugenia Sheppard, a fashion writer for the Herald Tribune. Both gave prominent mentions to the club, and to the sudden blossoming of the Twist fad, and the warmth of their approval encouraged a flock of celebrities to follow in their footsteps. Doormen were

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being bribed to secure admission for celebrities emerging from Rolls-Royces. As the Cotton Club was to the 20s and Studio 54 would be to the 70s, so the Peppermint Lounge was to its brief era. Suddenly the Twist was reborn, with a vigour that grew exponentially. Jackie Kennedy, the epitome of the new carefree spirit of the post-Eisenhower era, did the Twist in a Capri nightspot. Anthropologists and psychologists were asked for their opinions, and the dance made the cover of Time magazine. And, inevitably, Hollywood started taking an interest. Twist Around The Clock was launched on 30 December, with the craze at its height. But by the time the Beatles brought their first album to a climax with their raucous, Hamburg-honed version of Twist And Shout at the beginning of , the whole business had become the inevitable victim of overexposure. The Peppermint Lounge would lose first its celebrity clientele and then its liquor licence, but it could be credited with popularising the idea of the discotheque: What the Twist had done, however, was create a powerful hunger among modernist youth for new dance crazes based on the template of dancing on the spot, with no contact. And so along came the Locomotion, the Fly, the Madison, the Hitch Hike, the Watusi, the Hully Gully, the Frug, the Stroll, the Monkey, the Dog, the Mashed Potato and countless others, including that nameless creation, beloved of mods, in which all movement was reduced to the merest twitch of one knee and a barely perceptible shrug of the shoulders:

2: CopperKnob - Let's Twist Again - Karen Tripp, (July)

LET'S TWIST AGAIN - Absolute Beginner Line Dance - 32 counts - 4 walls - Choreographer: Karen Tripp - Music: " Let's Twist Again" by Chubby Checker.

3: LETS TWIST AGAIN BASS (ver 2) by Chubby Checker @ www.enganchecubano.com

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4: Let's Twist Again - Wikipedia

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5: LETS TWIST AGAIN CHORDS by Chubby Checker @ www.enganchecubano.com

Let's twist again, hear them sing Let's twist again, see them sing Let's twist again Bring on the dancing girls Part sussed, part amateur Part love you, part mister.

6: Let's Twist Again lyrics by Chubby Checker, 1 meaning, official song lyrics | www.enganchecubano.com

Let's Twist Again Lyrics: Come on everybody! / Clap your hands! / Aw, you're looking good! / I'm gonna sing my song / It won't take long! / We're gonna do the Twist / And it goes like this: / Come.

7: Let's Twist Again lyrics - Chubby Checker original song - full version on Lyrics Freak

Listen for "We're gonna do the twist and it goes like this come on let's twist again " Start on the second occurrence of the word "twist".

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Come on, let's twist again, Twistin' time is here Heeee, and round and round and up and down we go again! Oh, baby,

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make me know, you love me sooooo! And then.

9: Chumbawamba " Salome (Let's Twist Again) lyrics

Chubby Checker - Let's Twist Again / N.C. Rap: Come on everybody, clap your hands Awww, ya lookin' good I'm gonna sing my song And it won't take long We're gonna do the twist, and it goes li.

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