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## Women dancing and singing at weddings

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Question no.9: “What is the ruling on women dancing amongst themselves at weddings?”

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>1</sup> answers:

“There is **no dancing**, not amongst men, nor amongst women; not men with men, nor women with women, because this dancing is accompanied by a lot of nonsense which a Muslim is far above, specially since the women would be showing their charms in front of one other, and this is not allowed in Islaam.

All there is to this affair is that it is allowed for women to sing during weddings in particular, and **(the singing) should be decent and respectable**, not having any foul words in it, nor being from the songs that are sung by the rebellious and disobedient (to Allaah) and shameless singers. Rather, it should have a nice and beautiful meaning, as mentioned in the hadeeth of ‘Aishah, the Mother of The Believers (رضي الله عنه)<sup>2</sup>, when the Messenger (of Allaah) (صلى الله عليه وسلم)<sup>3</sup> asked her: ‘**Where are you coming from?**’ She said: ‘From a wedding of the Ansaar.’ He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: ‘**Did you sing for them (the women)? For the Ansaar love singing.**’ She said: ‘What would we say O Messenger of Allaah?’

He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: ‘**You say:**

***Ataynaakum ataynaakum \* Fahayyoonaa nuhayyikum***  
**We came to you, we came to you \* So greet us and we greet you’**

Is there anything (bad) in these words? There isn’t anything.

***‘Ataynaakum ataynaakum \* Fahayyoonaa nuhayyikum***  
**We came to you, we came to you \* So greet us and we greet you**

***Wa law laa l-hintat us-samraa \* i-lam tasman ‘adhaaraakum***  
**If it wasn’t for the black wheat \* Your virgins would not have been plump (and beautiful)<sup>4</sup>**

They are good and clean words. If the singing is of this type, then there is no objection to it.”

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> (رضى الله عنها) (rad iyallaahu `anhaa) May Allaah be pleased with her

<sup>3</sup> (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

<sup>4</sup> Aadaab uz-Zifaaf p. 108-109, Tahreem Aalaat it-Tarab: 133