

## YOR-YOR

Yor-yor is one of the folk songs. It is mainly sung by women during wedding ceremonies while sending bride to the groom's house. The main four lines are sung solo by a woman and other women joined to its chorus. For example:

*The main four lines:*

*A colt neighs on the roof*

*Says I became a horse from now on*

*A bride cries at home*

*Saying I am a stranger from today*

### **Chorus:**

*Yor-yora, I am a stranger from today*

The text of yor-yor consists of mainly 4 lines and a chorus, and in majority of cases they are made up by the performers themselves. The text of yor-yor comprises the topics mainly about the future lives of the bride



and groom, about the bride's life in a stranger family, about reaching happiness, about faith or unfaithfulness of their beloved ones.

Yor-yor's melodies differ from each other. Some of them are performed in a sad tune (the ones sung while sending the bride to the groom's house) and others in a very merry tune, for example the one sung while accompanying a bride to the groom's house.

In some cases, there will be special yor-yor songs peculiar to each village. It was identified that some mountainous villages of Bostonliq district (Khondoyliq, Soyliq, Chimboyliq and others) of Tashkent region have their own yor-yor songs.

Professional singers sang yor-yors which are very close to folk yor-yors by theme and music.

