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Midnight Hour
Phrased, 144 Count, Intermediate
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Choreographed to: Midnight Hour by Talib Kweli \& HiTek, feat. Estelle (iTunes)

This is a phrased, "ABC" dance (with 4 parts).
Start with the music after the spoken introduction (Start on the word "I'm").
Each section of this dance has a different feel from the other, based on the music...so it's easier than you might think!
The sequence is ABBCD, BBCD, ABCD, BCDD, B-(see "Big Finish"). As usual....trust me, it works!

## Part A..............the verse (woman is singing)

## $R$ triple side, $L$ rock back, L kick ball change $x 2$

1\&2 34 Step R to side (1), step $L$ beside right (\&), step R to side (2), step back on ball of $L$ (3), recover R (4),
$5 \& 67 \& 8$ Kick $L$ forward (5), step L back (\&), step R in place (6), kick $L$ forward (7), step $L$ back (\&), step $R$ in place (8)
$L$ triple side, $R$ rock back, $R$ kick ball change $\times 2$
1\&2 34 Step $L$ to side (1), step $R$ beside left (\&), step $L$ to side (2), step back on ball of $R$ (3), step $L$ in place (4)
5\&6 7\&8 Kick R forward (5), step R back (\&), step L in place (6), kick $R$ forward (7), step $R$ back (\&), kick L in place (8)

R triple forward, L rock forward, $L$ triple back, $R$ triple back (optional full turn)
1\&2 34 Step R forward (1), step L together (\&), step R forward (2), step L forward (3), recover R (4),
5\&6 7\&8 Step $L$ back (5), step $R$ beside left (\&), step $L$ back (6),
step $R$ back (7), step $L$ beside right (\&), step $R$ back (8)
You can make an optional full turn left on the back triples
Walk back $L, R, L, R$, $L$ step side, hip roll
1234 Step back L (1), step back R (2), step back L (3), step back R (4),
5678 Step L to side (5), roll hips ( $6,7,8$ )...end with weight on left; optional shimmy on the back walks
R box with brush, L box with brush
1234 Step R across left (1), step L back (2), step R to side (3) brush L forward (4),
5678 Step $L$ across right (5), step R back (6), step L to side (7), brush R forward (8)
Walk forward R, L (optional full turn touch steps), R, L, R, L
1234 Step R forward (1,2), step L forward (3,4),
5678 Step R forward (5), step L forward (6), step R forward (7), step L forward (8)
You can do an optional full turn left by doing two touch steps on the first 4 counts
$R$ side, $L$ together, $R$ side, $L$ touch, $L$ side, $R$ together, $L$ side, $R$ touch
1234 Step $R$ to side (1), step $L$ beside right (2), step $R$ to side (3), touch $L$ beside right (4),
5678 Step $L$ to side (5), step R beside left (6), step $L$ to side (7), touch $R$ beside left (8)
Hip roll making $1 / 2$ turn left
1-8 Roll hips while making a $1 / 2$ turn left (1-8)...slow \& sexy...take your time!
Part B.
........... ...the rap part!
R kick step, L lock step, L kick step, R lock step
1\&2\& Kick R forward (1), step R forward (\&), step L behind right (2), step R in place (\&)
3\&4\& Kick L forward (3), step L forward (\&), step R behind left (4), step L in place (\&)

## Shorty George, R step side

5\&67\&8 Kick R diagonal (5), step R forward (\&), step L forward (6), step R forward (7), step $L$ forward (\&), step $R$ to side (8)...these steps are small with knees together and bent

## Hand work

$1 \& 2 \& 3 \& 4$ Lift arms to shoulder height, bent at elbows with palms down with left on top of right (1), lift L palm up at wrist (\&), lift R palm up at wrist (2)...palms are now facing each other, replace $L$ palm to facing down position (\&), place $R$ palm on top of left (3), straighten arms out in front of you with palms down (\&) pull arms in at sides making fists with palms facing up (4)

Turn head $L$, turn upper body $L$, turn lower body $L$, step $R$ forward
5678 Turn head $L$ (5), turn upper body $L$ (6), turn lower body $L$ bending knees (7), step R forward (8)
L kick forward \& step, R kick forward \& step, L kick side \& step, R kick side \& step
$1 \& 2 \& \quad$ Kick $L$ forward (1), step $L$ beside right (\&), kick R forward (2), step R beside left (\&)
$3 \& 4 \& \quad$ Kick $L$ to side (3), step $L$ beside right (\&), kick $R$ to side (4), step $R$ beside left (\&)
L step side, $\mathbf{R}$ together, $L$ step side, $\mathbf{R}$ touch
5678 Large step $L$ to side (5), step $R$ beside left (6), large step $L$ to side (7), touch $R$ beside left (8)
R triple back, L triple back $1 / 4$ turn
$1 \& 2$ 3\&4 Step R back (1), step $L$ beside right (\&), step R back (2),
step $L$ back (3), step $R$ beside left (\&), step $L$ back making $1 / 4$ turn left (4)...feet will be apart
Slap hips front and back, sway hips $R$, $L$
5\&6\&7 8 Slap R fist on front of right hip (5), slap L fist on front of left hip (\&),
slap $R$ hand on back of right hip (6), slap $L$ hand on back of left hip (\&), sway hips $R$ (7),
sway hips $L$ (8)...weight is on left
Part C......... ...the "00000h" part!
R rock forward \& sweep step, L mambo side \& touch, R mambo side \& touch, L\&R step touch
1234 Step R forward (1), recover L (2), sweep R to back (3), step R behind right (4),
5678 Step $L$ to side (5), step $R$ in place (6), step $L$ beside right (7), touch $R$ beside left (8),
1234 Step $R$ to side (1), step $L$ in place (2), step $R$ beside left (3), touch $L$ beside right (4),
5678 Step $L$ beside right (5), touch $R$ beside left (6), step $R$ beside left (7), touch $L$ beside right (8)
L rock forward \& sweep step, R mambo side \& touch, L mambo side \& touch, R\&L step touch
1234 Step $L$ forward (1), recover R (2), sweep $L$ to back (3), step $L$ behind right (4),
5678 Step $R$ to side (5), step $L$ in place (6), step $R$ beside left (7), touch $L$ beside right (8),
1234 Step $L$ to side (1), step $R$ in place (2), step $L$ beside right (3), touch $R$ beside left (4),
5678 Step $R$ beside left (5), touch $L$ beside right (6), step $L$ beside right (7), touch $R$ beside left (8)
Part D...............the part that's left!
R step side, shoulder isolation, hold, head flick, chug L x 4
$12 \& 3 \& 4$ Step R to side (1), push shoulders forward (2), pull shoulders back (\&), hold (3)
bend head to left as if trying to touch ear to shoulder (\&), raise head (4),
5678 Rotate $1 / 4$ turn $L$ on left foot while sliding $R$ foot on floor with each count $(5,6,7,8)$
1-8 Repeat above 8 counts
(this time your feet are already apart so just do an extra chug on count 1 then continue)
12\&3\&45678

## BIG FINISH!

(Listed as B- in the sequence) The dance will end 4 counts before the end of Part B.
You will do the two triples back and when you make the $1 / 4$ turn left (on count 4),
just stop moving...strike a pose!

