

Dance Day Dances



Shelton's Dance

By the 1920's the dances performed by Black dancers such as the Lindy Hop, the Jitterbug, and the Charleston, became the rage not only in North America, but in Europe as well. These were very energetic dances performed to the lively music of the times.

One of the well known musicians and music writers of that time in North America and Europe was Shelton Brooks. Shelton was born in Amherstburg, Ontario in 1892 . He spent many of his childhood years living in North Buxton where his father came to pastor at the church.

One of Shelton's most famous songs was the Dark Town Strutters' Ball.

Using the internet, try to find out how one of the popular dances of this time period was performed.

Using the music provided for Dark Town Strutters' Ball, in your group, create this dance as you think it may have been performed when Shelton Brooks was playing his music.

Perform this dance for your classmates.