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 <p data-bbox="172 806 440 894">Step with your right foot and dig coal out twice with your shovel.</p>	 <p data-bbox="472 806 675 863">Repeat on the left side twice.</p>
Pause , Tsukiga-	deta deta-

Steps to Kita Kyushu Tanko Bushi (Coal Miner's Dance)

Tanko Bushi is a *minyo* (Japanese folk) song that was originally sung by coal miners to ease the toil and monotony of their daily lives. The song was later adapted into a communal dance that is performed at *Obon* (Summer Buddhist festivals), not only in Japan, but also throughout the United States. Minyo songs include vocals, *shamisen* (three stringed plucked instrument), *taiko* (drums), and *kane* (brass bell).

③ shoulder	④ shoulder	⑤ go back	⑥ go back
 <p data-bbox="147 1625 358 1778">Step your right foot forward and throw the coal over your shoulder.</p>	 <p data-bbox="375 1625 594 1715">Repeat the same action with your left foot and hand.</p>	 <p data-bbox="612 1625 846 1778">Next, step back with your left foot first. Wipe the sweat from your brow with your right hand.</p>	 <p data-bbox="875 1625 1109 1749">Step back with your right foot. Hold up your left hand to wipe your other brow.</p>
tsuki ga-	deta-	a yoi	

⑦ push	⑧ push	⑨ open	⑩ You did it ! Chochon-ga-chon
 <p data-bbox="220 869 475 953">Step your right foot forward and push the coal cart.</p>	 <p data-bbox="537 869 824 926">Step your left foot forward and push the cart again.</p>	 <p data-bbox="862 869 1117 1108">In order to spread coal on the ground, cross your arms in front of you body and then move them to your sides. Slightly bend your knees at the same time</p>	 <p data-bbox="1138 869 1393 989">Put your feet together and clap your hands twice, pause, then clap once.</p>

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Calendar of Obon Summer Festivals in Southern California (will be updated in the Spring):
<http://www.japanese-city.com/calendar/events/index.php?com=searchresult&t=30>

Minyo vocal and shamisen lessons with Matsutoyo Sato:
<http://www.matsutoyo-kai.org/>

Taiko (Japanese drum) lessons with Rev. Tom Kurai:
<http://www.taikocenter.com/TaikoCenterofLosAngeles/Welcome.html>

CD with Tanko Bushi track available for \$10 at:
http://www.minyostation.com/1st_CD__Cultural_Twist_.html