CultureTalk North Africa Video Transcripts: http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu Rai: Popular Music in Algeria Part 2

Algerian Arabic Translation:

ع: كيفاه تبدل من بكرى لدروك؟

س: اهمه

ع: بكري بون من بكري في وقت مي كان لاخور الاستعمار ولا الاستدمار، أنا نعيط له الاستدمار الفرنسي على كل حال. مي كان الاستدمار الفرنسي في الجزائر نشأة هذه الراي هذا، نشأة الموسيقى و النواة تاع هذا الراي لقديم. و المواضعي على كل حال كانت اجتماعية، كانت سياسية. و الراي تاع ذروك كشغل موديرن كاين بزاف لاخور تاع الموسيقى الجدود و كلش. بكري كانت الدربوكة، كانت القصبة و القلال و تبدلت على حساب الوقت على كل حال. الراي تلقيه في الجزائر على العموم و في فرنسا تانيك. في فرنسا كاين بزاف علاش؟ خطر كاين بزاف المهاجرين الجزائرين و لا من شمال افريقيا، الجزائر، المغرب، و لا تونس. على بها الراي نتشر تماك. و ماشي غير في لاخور في فرنسا، حتى في اوروبا في لاوروب و حتى في البلدان العربية. كيما ميثال الاغنية تاع الشاب خالد هذيك "عايشة" عايشات المكانة، المكانة مانش عاقل اللولة و لا الزاوجة و لا التالتة، مانش عاقل. بصح دارت حالة في، دارت حالة في الجزائر و في فرنسا و في كل مكان. كان كاين تانيك الشاب مامي، الشاب مامي عنده وحد الاغنية مع ستنغ...

ى: ھمە

ع: هذيك لغنية تاع Desert Rose الله اعلم. شابة لغنية هذيك.

English translation:

A: How did it [rai music] change from old days to nowadays?

S: Uhmhm!

A: In the old days and during, colonialism or "destruction"— Anyway, I call "destruction"— The *rai* music emerged during the French "destruction" in Algeria, and that was the old *rai*. Of course the topics then were social and political. The *rai* of today sort of became modern; there are many new musical instruments. Back then, there was *darbouka¹*, *el-gasba* and *galal*. Anyway, it has changed according to the times. You can find *rai* generally in Algeria, and a lot in France, and why so? This is because there are many Algerian immigrants as well as immigrants from North Africa: Algeria, Morocco or Tunisia, and so *rai* has spread to there. It is not [known] just in France, but also in Europe and even [other] Arab countries. For example, the song "Aisha" by Cheb Khaled who, I believe, has won some sort of award for this song, "Aisha." I don't exactly remember, but it was first or second or third place. But it was a big hit in Algeria, France and everywhere. There is also Cheb Mami, who has a song with Sting—

S: Mmhmm!

A: That song "Desert Rose," which is a very nice song.

¹ Darbouka is a type of drum played under one's arm.

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