## CultureTalk North Africa Video Transcripts: <a href="http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu">http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu</a> Wedding: The Last Day

## **Moroccan Arabic transcript:**

ن: {سؤال غير واضح}

ب: دابا ولاو كيتعاونو لان مسهلش باش يديرو عرس دابا كيتعاونو. ما موالف... لعريس كيعطي المهر يعني أغلب الاوقات كتكون عائلة لعروسة كدير ال...

ن: {سؤال غير واضح}

ب: و هذا نهار العرس, كيبقى ثاني النهار الثاني اولا النهار {ضحك} نهار الاخير كتكون هي مشات للدار ديالها فعائلتها كيصوبو الحلوة و كيصوبو الرغايف و البغرير و لمسمن و كيطيبو الماكلة و كيدوها لدارها هي. كنسمه نحن لفطور فكيدو ليها لفطور آآآ هي لعروسة ما خصهاش, ما يمكنش طيب و كيدولها لفطور و كيكون بالزغاريت و الصلاة و السلام و الموسيقي ثاني كيبقاو يغنو و ذاك الشي و هذا هو النهار الاخر.

ب: في مصر عندنا نشترو roses... {غير واضح}... للعروسة عشان العروسة مش مفروض انها تخرج... {غير واضح}...

ب: حتى نحن لفطور كيديروه اهل لعروس.

ن: طيب ... {غير واضح } ...

ب: كلهم كيسافرو...

ن: {غير واضح}

ب: ولابدا من ذاك, ماشي بالضرورة يسافرو شهر و لكن كيسافرو...

## **English translation:**

**N:** [*Inaudible question*]

**B:** Today, they [the bridge and groom] co-operate because it is not easy for just one of them to arrange for the wedding. The groom gives the dowry and the bride's family is the one who arranges for the celebrations.

**N:** [*Inaudible question*]

**B:** That was the wedding day. On the last day, she [the bride] leaves for her house and her family makes sweets: *rgaif*, *begrir* and *msaman*, as well as other food and they take it to her house. We call this *leftour*<sup>1</sup>. They bring her *leftour* because she is a bride and so she is not supposed to cook. They bring it with singing, music and ululating. So, this is the last day.

**N:** In Egypt, they buy roses and other things for the bride... [*Inaudible*]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Leftour literally means breakfast in standard Arabic, but in Morocco and Algeria, it can also mean lunch. In this context it means lunch.

**B:** For us, the bride's family makes *leftour*.

**N:** [*Inaudible question*]

**B:** Yes, they both travel; not necessarily for a month, but they do travel.

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