Music in Islamic Reform

Right: Sufis perform qawwals, a genre of music popular in Pakistan and India. The lyrics of qawwals are Sufi poetry, songs of saints, and Qur’anic quotes. The ensemble includes a lead singer, backup singers, harmoniums (seen in the picture), various percussion instruments, and a backup group for added vocals and rhythmic clapping.

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Left: Whirling Dervishes of the Turkish Mevlevi Sufi order perform their ancient spinning movements. The dervishes enter a meditative state, which allows them to dance in a trance-like way. The ensemble includes traditional instruments.

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