

Kitko Zelena (Pravo rodopsko horo)

(Bulgaria)

"Pravo Rodopsko horo" translates to "straight dance from the Rodope area." The first line of the dance-song "Kitko zelena kravena", translates to "green fresh bouquet of flowers." Originally presented by Jaap Leegwater and Bianca de Jong.

Music: Balkanton BHA 10441 Side B, Band 5

Formation: Circle, or open circle; hands joined in "W" pos.

Style: Solemn

METER: 2/4

PATTERN

Meas

1-10 **Introduction (instrumental)**

Verse - Pravo

- 1 Facing and moving diag R, step on R (ct 1); step on L (ct 2).
- 2 Step on R (ct 1); turning to face ctr, bring L ft near R (ct 2).
- 3 Step on L bkws, away from ctr (ct 1); bring R ft near L (ct 2)
- 4-12 Repeat meas 1-3 three more times.

Instrumental Refrain - To The Center

- 1 Facing ctr, step on R diag fwd R (ct 1); step on L diag fwd R (ct 2).
- 2 Repeat meas 1.
- 3 Big step on R, bend knees slightly (ct 1); stretch knees lifting L off the floor (ct 2).
- 4 Repeat meas 3 with opp ftwk.
- 5-8 Repeat meas 1-4 moving diag R bkwd (out of the ctr of the circle).
Repeat dance from the beginning.

KITKO ZELENA KRAVENA (Bulgaria)

Kitko zelena kravena
Kaži me kitko kaži me

Koi tû e sadil i iprašil
I večerom tû i polival

Polival kitko podvival
Sûs koprinena korpitsa

Da ta ne pari slano da
Da ta ne peče sontseno

Translation:

Fresh green bouquet of flowers
Tell me, bouquet, tell me

Who has planted and fertilized you
And who waters you every night

Watered you, bouquet, and bedecked
You with a silk cover

So that the night frost won't harm you
And the sun won't burn you

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