

# Bela Rada

(South Serbia)

Bela Rada translates as "Fair Rada (a girl)." This is a love song about Rada and her sweetheart, Jova, who begs her to let him kiss her. She does not dare, because her mother will be angry.

Pronunciation: BEH-lah RAH-dah

Music: Record: Folkraft 1532 Side A/2

2/4 meter

Cassette: Djordević 1996 No. 2 Side B/4

Formation: Line or open circle, no partners, leader at R end. Back basket pos, L over R, wt on L ft.

## Meas

## Pattern

No introduction.

### PART I (Music AA)

1-4 Facing ctr, step on ball of R ft sdwd R (ct 1); step on L ft across in front of R (ct &); repeat six more times (7 times in all); step on ball of R ft sdwd R (ct 8); pause or swing L leg low diag fwd R across in front of R (ct &).

5-8 Repeat meas 1-4 with opp ftwk and direction.

### PART II (Music BB)

9 Step on R ft in place (ct 1); step on L ft just in front of R (ct &); step on R ft just in back of L (ct 2); swing L leg in a small CW arc to finish beside R (ct &).

10 Repeat meas 9 with opp ftwk and direction.

11-16 Repeat meas 9-10 three more times (4 times in all).

Song words:

Ide Jova od oranje,  
bela Rada od kopanje.  
Stani Rado, bela Rado,  
daj da ljubim lice mlado.

Ne smem Jovo, oj Jovane,  
ljutiće se moje nane.  
Stani Rado,...

Rada mi je poručila,  
žute dunje naredila.  
Stani Rado,...

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