

Chokourovsko horo

This is a male-female dance from the village of Chokourovo (Shopluk region, Midwest Bulgaria). The dance is in 7/8 meter (3 2 2). This dance is performed either with instrumental or vocal accompaniment (see the song enclosed) The dance pattern is symmetrical: 8 measures to the right, 8 – to the left.

Starting position: open circle, belt hold

First measure:

On "one" – squat step on L backward, facing center

On "two" – step on R in place

On "three" – step in L in place

Second measure:

On "one" – squat step on R forward, facing center

On "two" – step on L in place

On "three" – step on R in place

Third measure:

As the First, but everything is performed with turning the body to the right

Forth measure:

On "one" – hop on R to the right

On "two" – step on R to the right

On "three" – step on L to the right

Fifth measure:

On "one" – hop on L, R make a flexion

On "two" – step on R in place

On "three" – step on L in place

Sixth measure:

On "one" – quick two steps on R and on L

On "two" – step on R in place

On "three" – step on L in place

Seventh measure:

On "one" – step on R in place, facing center, L moves forward

On "two" – hop on R

On "three" – step on L in place

Eight measure:

On "one" – R touches the ground with the heel – to the right

On "two" – R touches the ground with the heel forward

On "three" – step on R in place

The next 8 measures: repeat above figure in opposite direction with opposite footwork

More Chicha Reche Da Me Zheni

(Song from Shopluk region, Midwest Bulgaria, 7/8 meter – 3 2 2)

More chicha reche da me zheni
More vchera reche saga neche /2
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A pa strina Sava ich ne dava/2

More ne dashe ne dashe
More nay-posle se saglashe
More godishe mi belu Nedu
More belu belu ko arapin
More belu belu ko arapin
More tanko tanko kako mechka

More kachishe yu u kolata
More kolata si priskartsashe/2
More kolata si priskartsashe
A pa bovoliete primatsashe/2

More ka se drusnu taka sede
More dvete daske se stroshishe/2
More dvete daske se stroshishe
A pa bibolyete podplashishe/2

This song tells us the story of a young man, who wants to be married. In the very beginning his uncle and his aunt are not ready to give him permission for this, but finally they change their decision. They choose the bright – “bela Neda” (“white” beautiful Neda); white as an “arap” (Arabian person), and tiny as a bear.