HVOJCATA -- North Bulgaria

Хвойцата

(Line dance for men, no partners)

Translation:

Rhythm: 5/16 () counted 1-and, 2-and-ah; or "quick slow".

Record: Folkraft LP-26 side B band 2 (2:40)--gajda & güdulka. Starting Position: "T" position. Right foot free.



Music 5/16

Measure

- 1 Step on right foot directly in front of left (count 1),
 - Step back on left foot in place (count 2).
- 2 [d. HOP-STEP (left) in place (counts 1-2).
- 3 Step on left foot directly in front of right (count 1),
 - Step back on right foot in place (count 2).
- 4 Hop on right foot (count 1),
 - Cross and step on left foot in back of right (count 2).
- 5 Step sideward right on right foot (count 1),
- Cross and step on left foot in back of right (count 2).
- 6-7 Two LEAP-CLOSES (right) forward.
- Jump up, off the ground, on left foot, bending right knee to cross right foot in front of left leg (count 1),
 - Land on left foot, right foot still crossed in front (count 2).
- 9 Raise left heel, right foot still crossed in front (count 1),
 - Jump down on both feet together, squatting, both knees bent deeply (count 2).
- 10 Rise and a slight hop on right foot in place (count 1),
 - A long step sideward left on left foot (count 2).
- Close and a slight leap on right foot beside left, displacing left foot (count l),

 A long step sideward left on left foot (count 2).
- 12 [/. REPEAT pattern of measure 11.

HOP-STEP (LEFT) (): Hop on left foot (count 1), step on right foot (count 2). LEAP-CLOSE (RIGHT)(): Leap on right foot (count 1), close and step on left foot beside right (count 2).

Note: This dance comes from the village of Dragoevo in northeast Bulgaria. An older melody is in 2/4, but now the 5/16 melody is more popular.