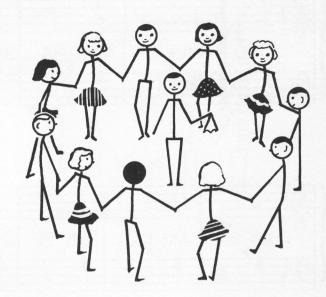
## THE HANDKERCHIEF DANCE (Moravia)

## Verse

- 1 Now before which one,
- 2 Now before which one,
- 3 Will you give your kerchief kneeling
- 4 Choosing from the circle wheeling?
- 5 Now before which one-So
- 6 Now before which one?

## Solo

- 1 Only to this one,
- 2 Only to this one.
- 3 Only to this one I'm kneeling
- 4 To this chosen one I'm kneeling.
- 5 On my kerchief kneeling,
- 6 On my kerchief kneeling.



Steps and Movements Walk or skip, polka turn, kneeling, clapping

Opening Formation The dancers form a circle facing the center. An extra dancer stands in the middle of the circle holding a handkerchief.

- Measures 1-12
  - Lines 1-6
- Measures 1-12
  - Lines
  - Solo 1-6
- Measures 1-12 Lines
- Tra-la-la-la-la

- Everybody but the center dancer sings the first verse. Dancers turn to the right and walk or skip in tempo with the music, counterclockwise in a circle. The center dancer stands still.
- The circle dancers stand in place. The center dancer sings the solo, at the same time pretend-
- ing to spread the handkerchief before various circle dancers. On Line 4 "To this chosen one I'm kneeling" the dancer spreads the handkerchief before one of the circle dancers and kneels on it. He gets up from his knees on Line 6 and joins hands with his partner.
- Outer circle dancers sing "Tra-la-la-la-la" in tempo with the music instead of words. The two center dancers do a polka turn within the circle.
- The dance is repeated and the person chosen from the circle dancers becomes the center dancer.

