PROSIJALA

(SJAJNA MJESEČINA)

Croatia

The song "Prosijala sjajna Mjesečina" is sung in the Region of **Bilogora** (in the village of Stara Diklenica) and in the **Moslavina** Region, with a small difference. In the old days people sang and danced along with instruments such as "tambura samica" (solo tamburitza), "frulice" (duct flute), and "gajde" (bagpipe), while today a dance is usually followed by tamburitza players.

Željko Jergan first researched this region in 1976 and continues to this day.

TRANSLATION: The moon's shine is sprinkled

PRONUNCIATION: Pro-See-Ah-LAH

MUSIC: CD "Resonance of Croatia", Band #2

FORMATION: Semi-circle alternating M and W. Hands joined in V-position

STEPS: Walk: R, L; 2 steps or 4 steps per meas.

Step hop: Step R, hop on R, step L, hop on L; repeat. 4 per meas. Facing L of ctr, moving in RLOD (CW), step R in front of L (ct 1);

step L to L (ct 2); step R behind L (ct 3); step L to L (ct 4).

<u>Rocking sidewise</u>: Bounce twice on each step moving in a zig-zag pattern. <u>Buzz</u>: Step R across L, flat ft; step L to L on ball of ft. 4 per meas.

STYLE: Alternating walking steps, bouncy steps-hops and grapevine steps with no, or

very little, vertical movement.

PATTERN

INTRODUCTION 2 meas.

Meas. **Meter** 4/4

Singing:

Facing L of ctr and moving RLOD (L), "Walk" fwd 2 steps; R (cts 1,2), L (cts 3, 4)

2 "Walk" fwd 4 steps; R, L, R, L

3 Four "Step Hops" fwd; R, L, R, L

4 "Grapevine" starting with R in front of L

5 Four "Rocking Sidewise" steps, moving fwd in zig – zag pattern; R, L, R, L.

*** First time through only, **repeat two more times**, <u>on third time skip meas. 5.</u> On second and third times through, there are only 2 verses, each with all 5 meas.

Music: Interlude / 3 meas.

Facing L of ctr and moving RLOD (L), 12 buzz steps; beg R across L. Last two dancers turn to face LOD (CCW) and close the circle while using a hanky to make a "bridge" over heads of the other dancers, starting with the leader and moving down the line. At the other end, the second-from-last dancer turns under the hanky to the original position.

/ Under the hanky - "bridge"/

PATTERN:

Intro (2 meas.), Singing (3 verses), Music, Singing (2 verses), Music, Singing (2 verses), On last singing measure, end with walk R, L, together.



The moonlight is so bright over the path and all the way to me that my sweetheart is afraid he'll be seen coming to visit me.

If I knew another path, I would plant basil and roses so he could follow the beautiful fragrances to find me more easily.