

Pravo from Černomorec

(Thrace, Bulgaria)

Černomorec is a village from the region of the city of Burgas in Thrace on the Black Sea coast. This is a dance from the big group of Pravo Horo. Its interesting pattern of three bars goes only forward so that the line moves to the right all the time. Source: Authentic folklore group from the village of Černomorec, Burgas region, performing at Koprivštica festival.

Pronunciation: PRAH-voh from chehr-noh-MOH-rehtz

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Rhythm: 2/4 meter counted 1, 2 or 1 &, 2 &.

Formation: Open circle, belt-hold pos, L over R.

Styling: Thracian: steps on whole foot, the knees bounce in accordance with the steps.

Meas

Pattern

1-36 INTRODUCTION. No action.

FIGURE I.SLOW

- 1 Facing ctr, step on L in front of R (ct 1, 2).
- 2 Step sdwd R on R (ct 1, 2).
- 3 Step on L behind R (ct 1, 2).
- 4 Small step sdwd R on R (ct 1); small step sdwd L on L in slightly open parallel pos (ct &); small step sdwd R on R (ct 2).

FIGURE II. FAST

- 1 Facing ctr, leap onto L in front of R (ct 1); stamp on R next to L, tapping L heel, simultaneously bending both knees (ct 2).
- 2 Leap sdwd R onto R (ct 1, 2).
- 3 Leap sdwd L onto L (ct 1); leap onto R next to L (ct 2); leap onto L next to R (ct &).
- 4 Repeat meas 3 with opp ftwk and direction.
This figure implies improvisation. The above pattern is only one of many you can choose to do with hops, stamps, higher knee lifting, etc., staying in the frame of 4 meas.

Suggested sequence:

Dance Fig I on low energy level during the vocal.

Dance Fig II on high energy level during the instrumental part.

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Song lyrics

Mama Na Georgi Dumaše

Mama na Georgi dumaše:
Sino, George le, George le,
Ia ela, sinko, ia ela,
Ia ela da večerame.

Mamo lio, stara mamo lio,
I na um ne mi ie došlo
Za tvoita topla večeria
Za tvoite sladki prikazki

Nai mi ie naum, male mo,
Tova mi selo Tenevo,
Tam ima mom hubava,
Tam ima moma za mene.

Kitka i iskah, dade ia,
Seliam i dadoh, vzema go,
Iskam ia, mamo, iskam ia,
Iskam ia i šte ia vzema.

Says Mother to Georgi

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My son Georgi,
Come, son, come,
Come to have dinner.

My dear mom,
I cannot think
Of your warm dinner,
Of your sweet chatting.

I can only think, my mom,
About that village of Tenevo,
There is a beautiful maiden there,
There is a maiden for me there.

I asked for her posy, she gave it to me,
I gave her a gift, she accepted it.
I want her, mom, I want her,
I want her and I will take her.

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