

Oy kumushki golubushki

(Russia)

Oy kumushki golubushki is a round dance that is danced in a square formation. It is another Stenka of which there are many. The song title is difficult to translate. Literally, it is, "Oh godmother's doves" or "Oh, my good woman's doves."

Pronunciation: oy Koo-moosh-kee GOH-loo-boosh-kee

Cassette: Russian Dances Stockton 1994

2/4 meter

Formation: A square with about an equal number of dancers on each side (about 6-8) all facing ctr. Join hands in W-pos. End dancers hold free hand in W-pos. Sides are numbered in a CW direction. Heads (1, 3) are facing; Sides (2,4) are facing.

Meas

Pattern

INTRODUCTION

ACTION OF HEADS (Sides 1, 3)

- 1-8 Beg R, dance 8 two-steps moving fwd to meet in ctr of set.
- 9-12 Walk 8 steps (1 to a ct) wheeling the line 1/4 CW to end with backs to the side lines. Center dancers dance almost in place while end dancers move with larger steps.
- 13-16 Walk 8 steps bkwd to new pos at sides. Side 1 is now Side 2; Side 3 is now Side 4.

ACTION OF SIDES (Sides 2, 4)

- (1-16) Beg R, dance 16 two-steps advancing CCW in a single file to occupy the spaces vacated by the Heads. Hands are not joined, but are out to sides about shldr level or with elbows bent. Dancers may turn a little CW or CCW on each two-step, turn around with 2 two-steps, or even dance bkwd while smiling at the dancer who is following.

DANCE SEQUENCE: Action of the Heads and Sides are done simultaneously. At the end of 16 meas, Heads and Sides have changed places (1 with 2, 3 with 4). Repeat dance from new pos, changing roles. All will be back in orig pos. Repeat dance until music ends.

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