

Bim Bam Bom

(Israel)

A modification of a dance choreographed by Yoav Ashriel.

Pronunciation: BIHM BAHM BOHM

Music: 4/4 meter

Stockton Folk Dance Camp 2011

Erica Goldman - Israeli Folk Dances CD, Track 9

Formation: Partners facing CCW, hands held

Meas 4/4 meter

Pattern

INTRODUCTION.

I. SKIPPING, CLAPPING HANDS WITH PARTNER

- 1 Moving CCW together, skip fwd four skips (cts 1-4).
 2 Face ptr and use both hands to slap thighs (“bim”) (ct 1); clap own hands together (“bam”) (ct 2); and slap partner’s hands as in a high five (“bom”) (ct 3); and hold (ct 4).
 3-8 Repeat meas 1-2 three more times. Continue to face ptr.

II. GO AWAY, COME BACK, AND ELBOW TURN

- 1 Facing partner, step R to R (ct 1); step L behind R (ct 2); step R to R (ct 3); clap hands to the side (ct 4). These steps will move you away from your ptr, along the circle.
 2 Repeat meas 1 with opp ftwk and direction to bring ptrs face to face again.
 3-4 Ptrs hook R elbows and skip fwd rotating CW as a couple in place, to finish face to face again.
 5 Repeat meas 1.
 6 Repeat meas 2, but use larger steps so each person passes his/her ptr to stand face-to-face with a new ptr.
 7-8 Repeat meas 3-4 with this new ptr.

Presented by Erica Goldman

Lyrics

Shnei chaverim halchu baderech
 Bim bam bom
 Echad kibel maka baberech
 Bim bam bom
 Lo b'diyuk aval b'erech
 Bim bam bom

Two friends set out on a spree
 Bim bam bom
 One got a blow on the knee
 Bim bam bom
 Well, more or less, you see
 Bim bam bom

Bim Bam Bom — continued

Amar chavero: lo nora chaver
Yeshan tsarot gadolot yoter

Hit'yashev oto bishgada
Bim bam bom
Tachat etz ha'avokada
Bim bam bom
Kodem sham para amada
Bim bam bom

Amar chavero . . .

Az alma yefat einayim
Bim bam bom
Zarka lo perach mishamayim
Bim bam bom
Yachad im tsintsenet mayim
Bim bam bom

Amar chavero . . .

Ma sofo shel ze hazemer
Bim bam bom
Im tirtsu lasim lo gemer
Bim bam bom
Tidchafu la'ozen tsemer
Bim bam bom

His friend said: It's not so bad, comrade;
There are bigger troubles

He settled down
Bim bam bom
Under an avocado tree
Bim bam bom
Previously a cow had stood there
Bim bam bom

His friend said . . .

Then a lass with beautiful eyes
Bim bam bom
Threw a heavenly flower at him
Bim bam bom
Along with a vase of water.
Bim bam bom

His friend said . . .

What's the end of this song?
Bim bam bom
If you want to end it
Bim bam bom
Just stuff your ears with cotton wool
Bim bam bom