

BO DODI

Come, My Beloved

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Music by I. Vogel Circle Dance of Couples
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Bo Dodi (Come, My Beloved) is a coy courtship dance in which boy meets girl, pursues her, embraces her and they dance together joyfully.

CHOREOGRAPHY

BASIC STEP

1. Step on left foot (in place) then tap forward on right foot (2 counts),
 2. Step on right foot (in place) then tap forward on left foot (2 counts),
 3. Take four running steps forward (4 counts)
- Partner stands in place and syncopates by clapping hands on even count.

FORMATION:

Couples form themselves in a circle facing clockwise, ladies on inner side of circle.

1. Lady goes forward (with basic step), then
2. Man goes forward (with basic step), then
3. Lady goes forward (with basic step), then
4. Man goes forward (with basic step)

PART II.

1. Lady half circles in front of man (with basic step) getting to outside of circle and facing opposite direction, then
2. Man does same behind back of lady (basic step)
3. Lady goes toward center of circle (basic step)
4. Man follows her (basic step) and they face each other holding elbows in circular fashion.

PART III.

1. Couples circle in above position clockwise (basic step)
2. Couples continue circling clockwise (basic step)
3. Couples circle counter-clockwise (basic step)
4. Couples continue counter-clockwise (basic step) and end by taking following position both facing clockwise: lady in front of man diagonally right, hands of partners clasped and held high over shoulder.

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PART IV.

In above position partners do basic combination of steps around in a large circle clockwise four times.

בוא דודי

בוא, דודי, אלומי, הנרנח,
שם שמחה, שם צהלה!
בואי, יפתי, במחולות נצאנח,
החתן והכלה.

תנו צלכם, הרי אפרים,
זמרו זמר לקוצרים!
ואתם, כוכבי שמים,
רנו, רנו לדודים.

TRANSLATION

Come, My Beloved

- Girl:** Come, my beloved to the barnyard
There'll be laughter, there'll be joy
- Boy:** Yes, my fair one, let's dance together
Like a pair of sweethearts
- Both:** Cast your shade, O hills of Ephraim
Sing to the reapers your glad song
And you, O stars in the shining heavens
Sing to the lovers all night long

TRANSLITERATION

Bo Dodi

*Bo dodi alufi Hagorna
Sham simcha Sham Tzohola*

*Bei Yafati Bincholet Netse-a
Hechatan Yehakala*

*Tnu Tzilchem Hare Efrayim
Zamru Zemer Lakotsrim
Veatem Kochvey Shamayim
Renu Renu Ladodin*