



Dance Selection



GAITANAKI RODOU

Greece (Dodecanese Is.)
(Line dance, no partners)

Translation: Gaitanáki (a type of braiding), from the island of Rhodes.

Record: Folkraft 1466x45B.

Starting Position: Front chain position. Right foot free. Braid hands with L hand over neighbor's right.

PART I (Music A)

Measure

- 1-3 Facing slightly and moving right, three walking steps (right, left, right) turning on last step to face slightly left (counts 1-3).
Facing slightly and moving left, three walking steps (left, right, left) turning on last step to face center (counts 4-6).
- 4 A quick STEP-TOUCH (right) forward (counts 1-and),
A quick STEP-CLOSE sideward left (count 2-and).

SONG WORDS

Gaitanin ekho stom plekhti }
Ke tsokhan is to rafti (2) }
Gaitanaki mou plemmeno
Stin anemi tyligmeno.

Ke xenone stin xenitia }
Ke kartero ton na 'rti (2) }
Gaitanaki mou plemmeno
Katsaro ke khademenou.

Roditiko 'ne to pani
Roditiko to khteni (2)
Roditisa ki i kopellia
Pou kathete ke 'feni (2)
Gaitanaki ke brisime
Mou 'stilan apo ti Symi
Gia na rapsoun i kopelles
Ton andron tous tis fanelles.

Two easy but interesting Greek dances, taken from the book GREEK FOLK DANCES recently published by FOLKRAFT. See review.

- 5 A quick STEP-TOUCH (left) backward (counts 1-and),
A quick STEP-CLOSE sideward right (counts 2-and),
- 6 Step sideward right on right foot (count 1),
Turning to face slightly and moving right, step forward on left foot (count 2).
- 7-12 REPEAT pattern of measures 1-6. Finish facing center.

PART II (Music B)

- 13 Two quick STEP-TOUCHES sideward (right, left) (counts 1-and, 2-and).
- 14-16 REPEAT pattern of Part I measures 4-6.
- 17-20 REPEAT pattern of measures 13-16.

STEP-TOUCH (Right), Quick: Step on right foot (count 1), close and touch left foot beside right without taking weight (count and). Repeat, reversing footwork, for Quick Step-Touch (Left).

STEP-CLOSE (Right), Quick: Step on right foot (count 1), close and step on left foot beside right (count and). Repeat, reversing footwork, for Quick Step-Close (Left).

My braiding is being woven }
And my felting is being sewn; (2) }
My little woven braid
Plaited on the winder.

And a beloved in a foreign land, }
And I wait for his coming; (2) }
My little woven braid,
Curly and pampered.

Rhodian is the cloth,
Rhodian is the loom, (2)
And Rhodian is the girl
Who sits and weaves. (2)
Little braid and cording
They sent me from Symi
For the girls to sew
Their men's shirts.

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