

Karamfilcheto

(Bulgaria)

This is a dance from the village of Eliseina (Middle Northwest Bulgaria). It is a dance for men and women performed either with instrumental or vocal accompaniment. The dance has one figure in 7 measures (with vocal accompaniment) and one figure in 12 measures (with instrumental accompaniment).

Pronunciation:

CD: CD1, Band 6.

2/4 meter

Rhythm: 9/8 meter (2 2 2 3), counted 1 2 3 4.

Formation: Semi-circle, facing diag L, belt hold (“na lessa”).

Meas

Pattern

FIGURE I

- 1 Step on L to L (ct 1); step on R to L (ct 2).
- 2 Repeat meas 1.
- 3 Hop on R, turning to face ctr (ct 1); step on L in front of R (ct 2).
- 4 Step bkwd on R (ct 1); step bkwd on L (ct 2).
- 5 Step on R to R (ct 1); step on L next to R (ct &); step on R next to L (ct 2).
- 6 Step on L to L (ct 1); step on R next to L (ct &); step on R next to L (ct 2).
- 7 Repeat meas 5.

FIGURE II

- 1 Facing ctr, step on L in front of R (ct 1); step on R in place (ct 2).
- 2 Step on L to L (ct 1); step on R in place (ct 2);
- 3 Step on L in front of R (ct 1); step on R in place (ct 2).
- 4 Click R ft with L ft (ct 1); step on L in place (ct 2).
- 5 Repeat meas 4 with opp ftwk.
- 6 Repeat meas 4.
- 7 Hop on L to L, touching toes of R ft to the ground (ct 1); hop on L to L, touching toes of R ft to the ground (ct 2).
- 8 Hop on L to L, touching toes of R ft to the ground (ct 1); hop on L to L, flexing R ft low (ct 2).
- 9 Step fwd on R (ct 1); step fwd on L (ct 2); step on R in place (ct &).
- 10 Repeat meas 9.
- 11 Step bkwd on R (ct 1); step bkwd on L (ct 2).
- 12 Jump on both ft (ct 1); jump on both ft (ct 2).

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Karamfilcheto—continued

The text of the songs:

Ako se zagenish mene da si zemesh
Mene da si zemesh, Done mamina. //

Chorus: Karamgilcheto, kara-karamficheto,
kitka gledana nemirisana //

Az she ti kupja sarmeno kolanche
sarmeno kolanche, Done mamina

Chorus: Karamgilcheto, kara-karamficheto,
kitka gledana nemirisana //

This song is a marriage proposal. He tells her how he is ready to give her everything, but to be with her, because she is so beautiful. She is like a desired, but untouched flower.