

Presented by Athan Karras

LEMONAKI

Macedonian Syrto

Pronounced: Le-moh-nah-kee

SOURCE: Lemonaki means little lemon tree, and it is a favorite among the Northern Greeks. Sometimes done as a maypole dance, with dancers holding ribbons as they dance a syrto, to so many measures, and then, return according to the phrasing of the music.

RECORD: Panhellenion KT 1001 *Side 1 Band 1*

FORMATION: M and W in open circle, hands joined, but down at beginning. Later, arms raise.

7/8 (SQQ)

PATTERN

meas

- 1 Step R to R, RLOD (S); step L behind R (Q); step R to R (Q)
- 2 *Skip R(t)* Step L across R in front (S); R to R (Q); step L behind R, turning body slightly CW (Q).
- 3 Step R fwd to center (S), raising arms as you step, step L fwd (Q), stamp R next to L ^{with wt on R} (Q). hands still up.
- 4 Step L back bringing joined hands down (S); cross R in back L (Q); bring L back next to R (Q) with a slight hop or chug *bdwn path feet*

Dance meas 1-4 twice, then the next two times at the end of each sequence, repeat meas 3-4.

Repeat entire dance.

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LE KA LE, LEMONAKI MYROTHATO
 LEMONAKI MYROTHATO, KI"APO
 PERIVOLI AFRATO
 MI KA LE, MI PARAMYRIZIS TOSSO
 MI PARAMYRIZIZ TOSSO KE ME KANIS
 KE NYHTOSSO
 KI" AN KA LE, KI'AN NYHTOSSIS PALLIKARI
 KI' AN NYHTOSSIS PALLIKARI ~~KATSE~~
 NAV TO FENGARI
 NA KA LE NA SE ITHO NA SOU
 MILISSO
 NA SE ITHO NA SOU MILISSO KE NA
 SE GLYKOPILISSO

Lemon blossom fair, from a garden rare, hide your petals bright, lest I linger all the night.
 Why not linger all the night?
 The moon shine on the sky let me see and speak with you and sweetly let me kiss you.