Dimitrija
Bulgaria (Pirin)

Dimitrija (dee-mee-TREE-yah), from Sandanski, was learned in Petrich near the Greek-Macedonian border from Kyril Andonov in the summer of 1970 by Yves Moreau, who presented it at SF Kolo’01, Mendocino Folklore’02 and Stockton Folk Dance Camp’04.

Music:
CDs: Yves and France Moreau, MFL’02, Band 4; YM, Bulg. FD, Vol 5, Band 1.

Formation: Mixed open circle facing LOD, wt on L ft, hands joined up in W-pos.

Steps and Styling: Proud and light.

Measure | 2/4 meter | PATTERN
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1-12 | INTRODUCTION (No action - instrumental music. Dance starts with song) |
I | BASIC PATTERN (vocal) |
1-2 | Facing and moving in LOD, step R,L,R,L (cts 1,2,1,2). |
3-4 | Continue with small steps, R,L,R,L,R,L (cts 1,&,2,1,&,2). Turn to face ctr. |
5-6 | Step R; raise L knee; step fwd L; raise bent R knee, ft behind L (cts 1,2,1,2). |
7-8 | Step back on R; raise L knee; step L to L, extending arms fwd and down; step R in front of L as arms swing bkwd (cts 1,2,1,2). |
9 | Step L to L as arms go fwd-up; step R behind L as arms go down-back (cts 1,2). |
10 | Step L in place (ct 1); raise R knee, as arms swing fwd-up to W-pos (ct 2). |
11-12 | Step R in place; raise L knee; step L,R,L in place, arms fwd-down (cts 1,2,1,&,2). |
II | FORWARD AND BACK (instrumental) |
1-2 | Lift slightly on L, extending R leg and arms fwd (ct ah); moving fwd step R as arms go down (ct 1); step L as arms go bkwd (ct 2); repeat cts ah,1,2 (cts ah,1,2). |
3 | Step R, raising L knee - arms up to W-pos; step on ball of L; step R (cts 1,&,2). |
4 | With arms remaining in W-pos, repeat meas 3 with opp ftwk (cts 1,&,2). |
5-8 | Repeat meas 1-4, but travel bkwd away from ctr. |

Sequence: Repeat DANCE as written to end of music, a total of five times.

Lyrics
Dimitrija
Dimitrija dzhanam, Dimitrija; Dimitrija, ajde le dzhanam, na stol sedi; Dimitrija sat on a chair.
na stol sedi, ajde le dzhanam, vino pije; Dimitrija got mad.
vino pije dzhanam, vino pije; vino pije, ajde le dzhanam, em rakija; drinking wine and brandy.
vino pije, ajde le dzhanam, em rakija.
Prevrknaja dzhanam, prevrknaja; prevrknaja, ajde le dzhanam, tri sokola; Three falcons flew by.
prevrknaja, ajde le dzhanam, tri sokola.
Naprashija dzhanam, naprashija; naprashija, ajde le dzhanam, rujnoto vino; Dust got in the clear wine and brandy.
rujno vino, ajde le dzhanam, em rakija.
Razsurdi se, dzhanam, razsurdi se; razsurdi se, ajde le dzhanam, Dimitrija; pa si grubna, Dimitrija got mad and grabbed a slender rifle.
ajde le dzhanam, tenkjata pushka.