

Otče náš
(Bohemia, Czech Republic)

Otče náš (OHT-cheh NAHSH) is a party mixer from eastern Bohemia. The name means "our father." It was taught by Radek Rejšek and Eva Rejšeková at the 2000 University of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp.

Cassette: Dances from the Czech Republic, Stockton Folk Dance Camp 2000, Side A/10. 2/4 meter

Formation: Cpls in a circle facing each other, M on inside. W hold skirts, M's hands at sides.

Steps: Polka step*, Closed-Ballroom position*.

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Measures	2/4 meter	PATTERN
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4 meas INTRODUCTION Start with vocal.

I. PROGRESSION

1-2 On first step, M turn to face LOD and W face RLOD. Walk 4 steps passing one person and turn to face the next.

3-4 M bow to ptr (meas 3); W acknowledge ptr with knee bend and fwd tilt of head (meas 4).

5-7 With R elbow hold, ptrs walk around each other with 6 steps. Free hands on hips (fingers fwd), or W can hold skirt and M can extend L arm straight out and up, palm up.

8-14 Repeat meas 1-7.

II. POLKA

1-16 In Closed-Ballroom pos, dance 16 Polka steps (turning CW) with this new partner.

Dance repeats from the beginning 4 times more. On last time through the dance, Fig. II is 24 meas long. On meas 24, M may turn W out under L arm and pose.