

MASURKA GOLESZOWSKA
(Poland)

A couple dance in 3/4 time, from Goleiszów in Śląsk (Silesia) in southwestern Poland, not to be confused with the Polish national dance, mazur, often called in English the "mazurka."

Pronunciation: mah-ZOOR-kah goh-leh-SHOHF-skah

Record: DR-7167 and RPC-713, "Tańce Śląskie," side A, band 1.

Starting Pos: Cpls in a circle in ballroom pos, facing LOD.

Steps and Styling:



Step A (mazurka step) fwd: Bending very slightly fwd from the waist, step fwd with a slight accent with outside ft (M L, W R) (ct 1); straightening body, step fwd with inside ft (ct 2); hop on inside ft lifting bent outside knee fwd, ft relaxed (ct 3).

Step A (mazurka step) bkwd: Step bkwd with inside ft (M R, W L) (ct 1); step with outside ft near the other ft (ct 2); hop on outside ft, moving slightly bkwd, lifting straight inside leg bkwd and leaning slightly fwd (ct 3).

Step B: Three light steps to a meas, starting -- unless indicated otherwise -- with outside ft (M L, W R).

Meas

Pattern

INTRODUCTION
1-4 No action.

FIGURE I.
1 Move in LOD with one Step A-fwd.
2 With one Step B, make a CCW 1/4 turn and move twd ctr.
3 Move away from ctr with one Step A-bkwd.
4 With one Step B, make a CW 1/4 turn in place, thus resuming the starting pos.
5-16 Repeat action of meas 1-4 three more times (four times in all).



MASURKA GOLESZOWSKA (continued)FIGURE II.

- 1-2 Move in LOD with two Steps A-fwd.
 3-4 Release ptr, put hands on own waist, fingers fwd, thumbs back and with two Steps B, make one (or two, if you can manage) full turn twd ptr (M CW, W CCW).
 5-8 Resuming ballroom pos, repeat action of meas 1-4 (Fig. II).
 9-10 Repeat action of meas 1-2 (Fig. II).
 11-12 Release hold of inside arms and with outside hands (M L, W R) joined above head, walk CCW around ptr with two Steps B, always facing LOD, M starting in back of ptr, W starting in front of ptr.
 13-16 Resuming ballroom pos, repeat action of meas 9-12 (Fig. II).

FIGURE III.

- 1 Resuming ballroom pos move in LOD with one Step A-fwd.
 2 Move slightly in LOD with one Step B.
 3 Move in RLOD with one Step A-bkwd.
 4 Release ptr and make a full turn twd ptr, M-CW with one Step B, W-CCW with just two steps in order to have her L ft free.
 5-6 Hook R arm with ptr, raise straight L arm diag up, torso erect, and with two Steps A-fwd (W also starting with L ft) make a full CW turn.
 7-8 Bend fwd from the waist (straight L arm goes to side) and continue turning, making another full CW turn, M with two Steps B, W with just five steps, in order to have her R ft free.
 9-16 Repeat action of meas 1-8 (Fig. III).

Repeat dance from the beginning.

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