

GAROON or KAROUN

Armenia

Source: Both of the spellings are correct; they are merely dialect differences. The dance was created and choreographed by Tom Bozigian from steps learned in his youth in Fresno during the '50's. It is from a group of dances that won dance contests during that time at the various Armenian Youth Federation Conventions held periodically throughout Calif.

Cassette: : Tom Bozigian 3 LP's in 1 (GT3001, 4001, 5001)

Formation: Mixed lines with hands joined at shldr ht ("W" pos)

Rhythm: 2/4

Measure **Introduction**
Begin dance with Fig. II, after 16 meas of Fig. I music

Figure I

- 1-2 Facing slightly R and moving in LOD, do 2 two-steps, beg R (cts 1, &, 2; 1, &, 2) arms move slightly R & L like windshield wipers
- 3 Turning to face ctr, step R to R (ct 1) swing L in front of R (ct 2)
- 4 Step L in place (ct 1); swing R in front of L (ct 2).
- 5 Releasing fingers, walk R-L in LOD as hands clap at chest ht.
- 6 Turning to face ctr, step R over L and rejoin fingers (ct 1) hop back on R as L lifts behind (body remains erect) (ct 2)
- 7 Step L bkwd as R toe pivots outward (heel remains on floor) (ct 1) repeat ct 1 with opp ftwk (ct 2)
- 8 Step L bkwd (ct 1) stamp R beside L without wt (ct 2)
Do Fig. I, 4 times in all

Figure II

- 1 Facing slightly R and moving LOD, step R as arms lower to sides (ct 1) hop on R as L lifts behind (ct 2)
- 2 Begin L do 1 two-step as arms raise to "W" pos (cts 1 & 2)
- 3-4 Repeat meas 1-2 (2 times in all)

GAROON (continued)

- 5-6 Releasing fingers, make 1 complete turn to R stepping R, L, R (cts 1, 2,1) touch ball of L ft next to R as hands clap (ct 2)
- 7-8. Repeat meas 5-6 with opp ftwk and direction

Do Fig. II 4 times in all

NOTE: Fig. I is done to chorus - "Karoun Karoun", while Fig. II is done to the verses

CHAR LEZONEREE HAVADATS EEM YARU,
ARTSOONKNEROV LUTSRETS SEV SEV ACHERU.

ES ASHKHARU SHAD POOHPAN E HERANAM,
OOZOOME EE HERANAL OO MORANAL.

CHORUS:

GAROONU GAROONU GAROON E
SEEROONU SEEROONU SEEROON E
ETU KO SEV SEV ACHEROV
YAR JAN EENZ DOO AEEROOM ES

ETU KO SEREETZ MOLORVADZ EM KOON CHOONEM,
BOLOR GEESHER ARTSOON KNEROV DANCHOOM E.

YAR JAN EENZNEETS MEE HERANAR SEEROOM EM,
ANTSNORTNERU GARDZOOM EM TE YAR GOOZEM.