

## DREAMER'S SONG

Chor. Paul Boizot, music "Per Ser Cantada En La Meva Nit" by Arianna Savall from "Bella Terra". Mp3 available from Amazon mp3\* and iTunes. The lyrics are a poem by the Catalan poet Salvador Espriu – though I did not know this, or their meaning, when I choreographed the dance.

There is a video of me demonstrating this dance at <http://www.paulboizot.co.uk/videos.htm>

Formation; circle. Rhythm 2/4, but syncopated — steps are two beats unless marked quick (q) = 1 beat.. Style – light on the feet, especially on the quick steps in part 1, with some looseness or bounce in the knees, to go with the feel given by the syncopated rhythm. The looseness in the knees is particularly important for the "triangles" in part 2. Start with the singing.

1. Arms V  $\rightarrow$  R, L, R,  $\leftarrow$  L q,  $\rightarrow$  R q; L, R,  $\leftarrow$  sL, Rxf q, repl. L q. x 4.

2.  $\uparrow$  R, L, R, L gradually raising arms high over these 4 steps;  $\downarrow$  unjoined 4 steps back out to L.o.D whilst turning 360° clockwise and gradually lowering almost straight arms R, L, R, L; arms V rejoined "triangles"  $\rightarrow$  sR, Lxf, sR,  $\leftarrow$  sL; Rxf, sL,  $\rightarrow$  sR,  $\leftarrow$  sL. x 2

Ending — last time through there is instrumental music instead of vocal as you restart part 1. Do part 1 x 2 to this, then the normal 4 times to end, except that the music runs out a bit sharply, so slow down on the Rxf step ( an alternative which I first used was; leave out the very last two q steps and turn the preceding side-step into a slow sway).

Translation of lyrics – from the CD booklet

Song to be sung in my night

Wandering in the silent water of my dream.

I, alone, and the shadow of the cypress trees,  
waiting for me  
through the looking-glass water  
of my dream.

Stone and wind: could you  
swerve my course  
from the relentless crystal pass  
of the water of my dream?

In the distant reaches  
of a deep and voiceless night,  
I am drowning in the torment  
of the water of my dream.

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