

## CHEKANNYA (THE WAITING)

Chor. Paul Boizot, 2011. Music "Chekannya", from Vorony by The Ukrainians. Also on "The Best Of The Ukrainians". There is a live version too but I have not tried the dance to it. Mp3 available from Amazon mp3\* and iTunes. The song is a reworking of Venus In Furs, by The Velvet Underground, which took its title from a controversial book written in Ukraine. The album notes say "we have transformed the mood of the song, and the lyric, to express optimism and hope for the future".

Formation; circle or open circle. Rhythm 4/4. Dance crosses music – start after two bars just before the singing (which comes in after the first beat of bar 3) or at the beginning of any other musical phrase.

Arms V  $\curvearrowright$  sR, Lxb, sR s (left foot prepares for next step by curving in);  $\curvearrowright$  L s (can flex left knee a little),  $\downarrow$  R, L;  $\curvearrowright$  sway R s,  $\curvearrowleft$  sway L s.

Translation of lyrics – from the CD booklet

### The Waiting

And so the misty night arrives  
Mournfully, calmly upon the water  
One can hardly hear the voice of a bird  
And no ships can be seen

But somewhere flows a peaceful flowing river  
Where a green grove murmurs  
Nature flourishes there, now  
Wait until sunrise.

I will take you to Verkhovyno  
Where we will find a most beautiful land  
We will gaze upon the high plains.  
Upon an enchanting, boundless, paradise

Beyond the hills the sun lays down  
And outdoors it is abruptly cold.  
How concerning are those despondent thoughts  
As the precious ones diminish.

But for now feel not saddened  
For the season of warmth is still with us  
At dawn the weather will change  
And the dew will disappear.

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