

MOONSTRUCK

Music; The Lament, from Mirabilis, by Mediaeval Babes, available on Amazon mp3 or iTunes. Chor. Paul Boizot. There is a video of me demonstrating this dance at <http://www.paulboizot.co.uk/videos.htm>.

Preferably short lines, close-hold; otherwise open circle, arms V. Rhythm 6/8; slow steps 2 beats, quick steps 1 beat. Dance fits musical phrases. Start at the beginning of any musical phrase on the heavy drumbeat. All the larger slow steps in or out move diagonally to the right. Dance can be done to left or right. Hypnotic, flowing.

⊔ diag. back to right R s, small step slightly back diag. to right L q, in place R q, diag. fwd to right L s; diag. fwd. to right R s, small step slightly fwd. diag. to right L q, in place R q, diag. back to right L s.

Lyrics by Robert Burns ;
O thou pale orb that silent shines
While care-untroubled mortals sleep!
Thou seest a wretch who inly pines.
And wanders here to wail and weep!
With woe I nightly vigils keep,
Beneath thy wan, unwarming beam;
And mourn, in lamentation deep,
How life and love are all a dream!
O thou bright queen, who o'er th' expanse
Now highest reign'st, with boundless sway
Oft has thy silent-marking glance
Observ'd us, fondly-wand'ring, stray!
The time, unheeded, sped away,
While love's luxurious pulse beat high,
Beneath thy silver-gleaming ray,
To mark the mutual-kindling eye.

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s = slow q = quick