

SEVEN GUSTS OF WIND

Chor. Paul Boizot, 2013. Music "Sete Pedacos De Vento" (= "Seven Gusts Of Wind") by Cristina Branco (Portugal) from album "Ulisses", available from Amazon mp3* or iTunes.

Formation; circle. Rhythm 2/4. The dance consists of 7 units of two bars of music, each taking us in different directions. Most (5) of the 7 units are in slow-slow-quick-quick-slow rhythm. The dance crosses the music, so you can start at the beginning of any musical phrase; I usually start after 6 bars, when the bass and a melody instrument come in; or you could start with the singing.

Arms V, joined when you can, e.g. on sections 1, towards end of 3, 4, first two steps of 5, maybe first two steps of 7 if you can manage it.

1. $\circ \rightarrow$ sR, Lxb, sR q, cl.L q, sR (swing arms slightly forward & back twice during these 4 steps);
2. these 4 steps make an elongated back-to-front "S" shape on the ground - travelling towards centre but turning clockwise to face almost \supset L, cl.R continuing to turn, travelling forward out to line of dance continuing to turn a little L, cl.R but now turning a little anti-clockwise;
3. travelling forward to centre curving in to left (not small steps) L, R, L q, R q, \circ L;
4. $\circ \downarrow$ R, L R q, L q, R;
5. $\circ \rightarrow$ Lxb, sR, curving in to begin walking in smallish circle anti-clockwise L q, R q, L;
6. continuing & completing smallish circle anti-clockwise R, L R q, L q, R;
7. $\circ \uparrow$ L, $\circ \downarrow$ R swing arms slightly forward & back during these 2 steps, $\circ \leftarrow$ sL, cl. R q, small sL q (these last 2 steps are almost on the spot). Optional alternative for last 3 steps - turn (travelling just a little, mainly on first step) anti-clockwise in 3 steps L, R q, L q.

LYRICS & TRANSLATION

Entrego ao vento os meus ais
Onde o desejo se mata
Sete desejos carnavais
Que o meu desejo desata

Meus lábios, estrelas da tarde
Sete crescentes de lua
Que o desejo não me guarde
Na vontade de ser tua

Quero ser, eu sou assi
Sete pedaços de vento
Sete rosas num jardim
Num jardim que eu própria invento

Sete ares de nostalgia
Sete perfumes diversos
Nos cristais da fantasia
Amante de amores dispersos

Sete gritos por gritar
Sete silêncios viver
Sete luas por brilhar
E o céu pr'a me acontecer

Que o desejo não me guarde na vontade de ser tua.

Source; http://lyrics.wikia.com/Cristina_Branco:Sete_Pedaços_De_Vento, also from the CD insert.

I loose my wailing to the wind.
Where desire is quenched.
Seven carnal desires
That my desire unleashes

My lips, stars in the afternoon
Seven crescent moons
That this desire doesn't keep me
From longing to be yours

I want to be, and so I am
Seven gusts of wind,
Seven roses in a garden
In a garden I invented myself.

Seven nostalgic airs,
Seven diverse perfumes
The birth of a loving
Fantasy of lovers gone.

Seven cries to shout,
Seven silences to bear.
Seven moons to shine
And one sky for it all to echo across

That this desire doesn't keep me
From longing to be yours.

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