

THE FLOWER SELLER

Chor. Paul Boizot, 2016. Music; Mama Mea by Barimatango (Bosnia and Herzegovina), from album "O Devel", mp3 available from Amazon.co.uk *. The song is a slowed down version of Mama Mea E Florareasa (=My Mother Is A Flower-Seller), from Romania, which was sung by the Gypsy singer Gabi Lunca. It is about gypsy flower-sellers having trouble from the authorities, while others who sell more expensive flowers are left alone.

Formation; open circle or circle. Rhythm 2/4. Start with the vocal (after the intro and a further 8 bars). Steps 2 beats unless marked q = quick, 1 beat. The dance crosses the music and the steps are mostly in slow-quick-quick rhythm.

Arms V. R, $\supset\leftarrow$ L q, $\supset\rightarrow$ R q; L, point R \rightarrow ;

Arms W. $\circ\rightarrow$ sR, Lxb q, replace R q; $\circ\leftarrow$ sL, Rxb q, replace R q;

$\circ\uparrow$ arms coming down to V R, loosely in place L q, R q; $\circ\downarrow$ L, loosely in place R q, L q;

$\circ\rightarrow$ sR, Lxb q, sR q; Lxf, sR q, Lxb q.

Lyrics;

Mama mea e florareasa
Se scoala de dimineata
la cosu' si pleaca-n piata
Cand e somnu' cu dulceata.

Mama mea vinde lalelele
Pentru surorile mele
Vinde mama ghiociei
Pentru fratorii mei.

Refrain;

Mama mea, sarmana,
Ce-aveti voi cu mama mea
Ea nu fura nu cerseste
Mama ca si voi traieste.

Mama mea, sarmana,
Ce-aveti voi cu mama mea
Toate diminetile
Mama umple pietile.

O-ntreaba un militian
Plutonieru' roscovan
Cat dai tiganco o floare?
Hai alege si matale
la garoafa trandafiru'

Cinci lei da tiganca firu'
Fiinda esti un militian,
Nu-ti ia mama nici un ban.

Tiganco esti arestata
Vinzi florile scump in piata
De-azi incolo stai la zdup
Ca vinzi florile prea scump.

Traiti domnu' procuror
Eu de mica vand la flori,
Onorate tribunal
Eu vand florile legal.

Am un baiat si o fata
Asta mi-e averea toata
Am o fata si-un fecior
la crescut maica din flori.

Baiatul este student
L-a dat tiganca la drept maai
Fata este cantareatsa
E Catanga de pe piata.

Source; http://www.versuri.ro/versuri/edjmhk_cornelia-catanga-mama-mea-e-florareasa.html

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