

# ŽENSKO GRAOVSKO HORO

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(Šopluk - Bulgaria)

A variation of the well-known dance *Graosko* from the *Šopluk* region, Southwest of Sofia. This version was traditionally danced by women, has a twelve-measure structure to the tune *Kemene mi drânka* [the fiddle is playing).

**Music:** Yves Moreau CD

**Rhythm:** 2/4 (or 7/8)

**Formation:** Mixed lines. Belt hold. L over R. Face RLOD. Wt on L.

**Style:** Light, bouncy, energetic steps.

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## Meter 2/4

## Pattern

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**12-meas instrumental introduction** - Start dance with singing

### Basic pattern

- 1 Facing RLOD, light hop on L (1) step bkwd on R (&) step bkwd on L (2)
- 2 Repeat pattern of meas 1
- 3 Facing LOD, small step fwd on R (1) small step fwd on L (&) small step fwd on R (2)
- 4 Repeat pattern of meas 3, starting with L
- 5 Turning to face ctr, step on R (1) hop on R picking up L slightly across R (2)
- 6 Step on L to L with bounce (1) step on R in front of L, with marked knee bend (2)
- 7 Step on L to L with bounce (1) step on R behind L (2)
- 8 Step in place onto L (1) hop on L, picking up R slightly across L (2)
- 9 Step on R to R (1) step on L across R (&) step on R in place (2)
- 10 Repeat pattern of meas 9, with opp footwrk
- 11 Point R ft to R, straight knee (1) step fwd on R crossing slightly in front of L and with marked knee bend (2)
- 12 Repeat pattern of meas 11, with opp footwork, ending facing RLOD to repeat dance

Dance repeats from beginning

Dance ends with replacing meas 12:

- 12 Leap L forward next to R (1), and slap R in front (2), while yelling Hee-Ha

### Description by Yves Moreau

**Žensko Graovsko** (Kemene mi drânka)  
Bulgaria - Šopluk

Kemene mi drânka, mamó, kemene mi drânka  
Kemene mi drânka, mamó, mene mi se ženi  
Kemene mi drânka, mamó, mene mi se ženi

Mene mi se ženi, mamó, mene mi se ženi  
Mene mi se ženi, mamó, ako sam malečka  
Mene mi se ženi, mamó, ako sam malečka

Kemene mi drânka, mamó, kemene mi drânka  
Kemene mi drânka, mamó, mene mi se ženi  
Kemene mi drânka, mamó, mene mi se ženi

Ako ti se ženi, čerko, ako ti se ženi  
Ako ti se ženi, čerko, zemi se oženi  
Ako ti se ženi, čerko, zemi se oženi

I ti li se nadaš, babo, i ti li se nadaš  
I ti li se nadaš, babo, goste da prečekaš  
I ti li se nadaš, babo, goste da prečekaš

Goste da prečekaš, babo, goste da prečekaš  
S kameni panici, babo, s rãdzave lâžici  
S kameni panici babo, s rãdzave lâžici

Kemene mi drânka, mamó, kemene mi drânka  
Kemene mi drânka, mamó, mene mi se ženi  
Kemene mi drânka, mamó, mene mi se ženi

Mene mi se ženi, mamó, mene mi se ženi  
Mene mi se ženi, mamó, ako sam malečka  
Mene mi se ženi, mamó, ako sam malečka