

Marion Danse

Québec – Canada

A mixer dance using traditional steps and figures. Choreographed by France Bourque-Moreau to this old medieval French dancing song.

Meter: 2/4

Formation: Couples in a single circle. Woman on Man's Right. Hands joined down at sides. Weight on Left foot.

Introduction: No actions during 7 measure instrumental intro. Dance starts with singing.

Part 1: Circle to Left

- 1-4 "*Dessus le pont...*": Four steps traveling CW (RLOD) starting with Right foot, simultaneously swinging the arms forward and backward.
- 5-8 "*Marion, Marion danse...*": Still traveling CW, do four buzz-steps with the same arm swinging.
- 9-12 "*Dessus le pont...*": Repeat measures 1-4
- 13-16 "*Marion, Marion dansera*": Partners turn individually in place, with four steps CW ending to face partner on line of circle.
- 17-18 Still facing partner, lift both heels and settle down on full foot.

Part 2: Turning partner and forward & back

- 1-4 "*Bergère...*": Join 2 hands with partner and turn CW with four slow steps R-L-R-L
- 5-8 "*Marion...*": Continue turning with partner with four buzz-steps, opening up to face centre in the circle (back to starting position)
- 9-12 "*Bergère...*": In a circle, all walk to centre with 3 slow steps (R-L-R) gradually lifting arms forward; point L foot forward
- 13-16 "*Marion...*": Four slow steps to move back (L-R-L-R) gradually lowering arms back down.
- 17-18 Facing centre, lift both heels and settle down on full foot.

Part 3: Forward and change partner (instrumental)

- 1-4 Women walk alone towards centre with 3 slow steps (R-L-R) and point L. Arms are free and hang elegantly down at sides.
- 5-8 Women walk back 4 steps to place (L-R-L-R)
- 9-16 Men start to walk forward towards centre with 8 steps, starting with R and continue moving to the right (inverted V) to take a new position to the right of their original partner and all join hands. Everyone now has new partner.
- 17-18 Facing centre, lift both heels and settle down on full foot.

Dance repeats from beginning.

Marion danse Lyrics

Dessus le pont de l'Anse
Marion, Marion danse
Dessus le pont de l'Anse, eh là
Marion, Marion dansera

Bergère, rentrez en danse
Marion, Marion danse
Bergère, embrassez qui vous plaira
Marion, Marion dansera