

Garoon or Karoun

Both spellings are correct; they are merely dialect differences. The dance was created and choreographed by Tom Bozigian from steps learned in his youth in Fresno during the 1950s. It is from a group of dances that won dance contests during that time at the various Armenian Youth Federation Conventions held periodically throughout California.

Formation: Mixed line with little fingers joined at shoulder height ("W" position).

Rhythm: 2/4

Meas **Introduction**

Begin dance with Fig. II, after 16 measures of Fig. I music

Figure I

- 1-2 Facing slightly R and moving in LOD, do 2 two-steps, beg R (cts 1 & 2, 1 & 2) arms move slightly R & L like windshield wipers
- 3 Turning to face ctr, step R to R (ct 1) swing L in front of R (ct 2)
- 4 Step L in place (ct 1); swing R in front of L (ct 2)
- 5 Releasing fingers, walk R, L in LOD as hands clap twice (once on each step) at chest ht.
- 6 Turning to face ctr, step R over L and rejoin fingers (ct 1) hop back on R as L lifts behind (body remains erect) (ct 2)
- 7 Step L bkwd as R toe pivots outward (heel remains on floor) (ct 1) repeat ct 1 with opp footwork (ct 2)
- 8 Step L bkwd (ct 1) stamp R beside L without wt (ct 2)

Do Fig. I, 4 times in all

Meas **Figure II**

- 1 Facing slightly R and moving LOD, step R as arms lower to sides (ct 1) hop on R as L lifts behind (ct 2)
- 2 Beginning with L, do 1 two-step as arms raise to "W" pos (cts 1 & 2)
- 3-4 Repeat meas 1-2 (2 times in all)
- 5-6 Releasing fingers, make 1 complete turn to R stepping R, L, R (cts 1, 2, 1); Women rotate hands during turn "Yeghneek"; touch ball of L ft next to R as hands clap at chest level (ct 2)
- 7-8 Repeat meas 5-6 with opp ftwk and direction

Do Fig. II, 4 times in all

Yeghneek (deer symbol): Woman's hands rotation.

Hands above head, palms out; thumbs down to form half circles with middle finger; other fingers straight. Hands rotate up, in, down, out.

Note: Do Fig. I to chorus and Fig. II to verses

Char lezooneree havadats eem yaru,
artsoonknerov lutsrets sev sev acheru.

Etu ko sereetz molorvadvz em koon choonem,
bolor geesher artsoon knerov danchoom e.

Es ashkharu shad poochpan e heranam,
oozooome ee heranal oo moranal.

Yar jan eenzneets mee heranar seerom em,
antsnortneru gardzoom em te yar goozem.

Chorus:

Garoonu, garoonu, garoon e,
seeroonu, seeroonu, seerom e.
Etu ko sev, sev acherov,
yar jan eenz doo aerom es.