

ALMELOSE KERMIS (Kermis Dance)

FORMATION: Couples in single circle facing center. Girls with hands on hips, boys with arms folded across chests.

I. Teasing

1. Boys begin L and girls R, turn toward corner and take one 2-step to meet corner. Turn and 2-step toward own partner, starting with other foot, and finishing with a sassy clap in partners' direction.

Repeat.

2. With 8 small running steps (sometimes 16 very small steps) partners run in a small circle (L) around each other, boy leading, both keeping faces turned toward each other.

Repeat all of 1 and 2.

II To Center

1. All join hands in big circle, and beginning L foot, take two 2-steps toward the center, raising arms in approaching the center, and two 2-steps back to place lowering arms.

2. Partners chase each other again in small circles as in first figure.

Repeat part 1., but in part 2 all run around in one big circle (hands still joined) either to the L or R -- when one circle dances within the other, the two circles now move in opposite direction.