

Black Betty

64 count, 4 wall, intermediate level

Choreographer: William Sevone (Aus) Nov 02

Choreographed to: Black Betty by Tom Jones on "Mr. Jones", bpm 109

Choreographers note:- This song was adapted and originally recorded around 1940 by Huddie Ledbetter - better known as 'Leadbelly'. Huddie also wrote and recorded the beautiful and slightly haunting 'Goodnight Irene' which became in later years a much recorded Country Classic. Tom Jones has done the song justice (albiet with a little Las Vegas cabaret style gusto). Dance starts straight after the word '..Leadbelly' as in 'This is T.J....dedicating the song to Leadbelly', with feet together and weight on the left foot.

2x Stomp-Stomp-Kick Ballside.(12:00)

- 1 - 2 Stomp right foot next to left. Repeat.
3& 4 Kick right foot forward, step right foot next to left, touch left toe to left side.
5 - 6 Stomp left foot next to right. Repeat.
7& 8 Kick left foot forward, step left foot next to right, touch right to to right side.

Cross Step. 3/4 Left. Shuffle Bwd. Cross-Side Touch. Syncopated Stomp Turns - or Option. (12:00)

- 9 - 10 Cross step right foot over left. Unwind 3/4 left (weight on right foot).
11& 12 Step backward onto left foot, close right foot next to left, step backward onto left foot.
13 - 14 Cross touch right toe over left foot. Touch right toe to right side.
&15 Step right foot next to left, turn 1/4 right & stomp left foot slightly forward (weight on both feet)..
&16 Turn 1/4 left & step left foot next to right, turn 1/4 left & stomp right foot slightly forward.
Option: Counts &15&16: 15. Stomp right foot next to left. 16. Turn 1/4 left & stomp right foot slightly forward.

Step Behind. 1/4 Right Step Fwd. Jerk Step (R.L). Hip Bumps with Expression. (3:00)

- 17 - 18 Cross step left foot behind right. Turn 1/4 right & step forward onto right foot
19& 20 Step forward onto left foot, close right foot next to left, step forward onto left foot.
21 - 22 Jerk step right foot to right side. Jerk step left foot to left side.
Dance note: Jerk Step: eg. to the right - body leaning slightly left, raising knee and stepping foot down to right transferring weight to right foot.
23& 24 (bending knees) Push hips to right, push hips to left, push hips to right (weight on right foot).

1/4 Left Kick. Step Bwd. 1/4 Left Shuffle Fwd. Fwd Full Turn Right. Shuffle Fwd. (9:00)

- 25 - 26 (straightening up) Turn 1/4 left whilst kicking left leg to side & forward. Step backward onto left foot.
27& 28 Turn 1/4 left & step forward onto right foot, close left foot next to right, step forward onto right foot.
29 - 30 Turn 1/2 right & step backward onto left foot. Turn 1/2 right & step forward onto right foot.
31& 32 Step forward onto left foot, close right foot next to left, step forward onto left foot.

Jerk Step (R.L). Hip Bumps with Expression.1/4 Left Kick. Step Bwd. 1/4 Left Shuffle Fwd. (3:00)

- 33 - 34 Jerk step right foot to right side. Jerk step left foot to left side.
35& 36 (bending knees) Push hips to right, push hips to left, push hips to right (weight on right foot).
37 - 38 (straightening up) Turn 1/4 left whilst kicking left leg to side & forward. Step backward onto left foot.
39& 40 Turn 1/4 left & step forward onto right foot, close left foot next to right, step forward onto right foot.

Rock Fwd. Rock 1/4 Left. Sailor Step. Behind Touch. Side Step. Sailor Step. (12:00)

- 41 - 42 Rock forward onto right foot. Rock onto left foot & turn 1/4 left.
43& 44 Cross step left foot behind right, step right foot to right, step left foot to left.
45 - 46 Cross touch right toe behind left heel. Step right foot to right side.
47& 48 Cross step left foot behind right, step right foot to right, step left foot to left.

2x Crossing Toe Strut-Chasse Left. (12:00)

- 49 - 50 Cross step right toe over left foot. Drop right heel to floor.
51& 52 Step left foot to left side, step right foot next to left, step left foot to left side.
53 - 54 Cross step right toe over left foot. Drop right heel to floor.
55& 56 Step left foot to left side, step right foot next to left, step left foot to left side.

1/4 Left Step Fwd. Step Fwd. Kick-Bwd Step-Bwd Step. Pivot 1/2 Left. Step Fwd. Shuffle Fwd. (3:00)

- 57 - 58 Turn 1/4 left & step forward onto right foot. Step forward onto left foot.
59& 60 Kick right foot forward, step backward onto right foot, step backward onto left foot.
61 - 62 Pivot 1/2 left. Step forward onto right foot.
63& 64 Step forward onto left foot, close right foot next to left, step forward onto left foot.

RESTART: After count 48 of wall 3 restart the dance (facing 6:00).

DANCE FINISH: The dance will finish on count 64 of wall 4 (facing 'home'). Add the following to count 64 - touch hat brim with right hand, left hand on left hip.