

Out of Quarantine

A 40 bar reel for three couples in a four couple longwise set. This was written as it seemed we were emerging from the Covid pandemic and it might be safe to tentatively start taking hands again.

Bars Description

- 1-4 1st couple cross passing right shoulder, then cast off one place as 2nd couple step up.
- 5-8 1st couple dance left shoulder round each other nearly one and half times to end back to back on the diagonal facing their 3rd corners.
- 9-12 1st couple set to 3rd corners. 1st couple cast away to the corner position behind them as the corners dance in and face the position they just left.
- 13-16 1st woman, 2nd man, 3rd woman and 1st man dance half a diagonal reel of four starting by passing right shoulder.
- 17-20 1st man and 3rd woman, also 1st woman and 2nd man, giving right hands, turn one and a half times. 2nd woman and 3rd man end in the corners while 1st couple pass left shoulder to end back to back on the diagonal facing their 4th corners.
- 21-32 1st couple repeat bars 9-20 with their 4th corners. 1st couple end the turns on the centre line, left shoulder to partner, 1st man below 1st woman. All the corners face clockwise.
- 33-36 1st couple turn once (or twice!) round with the left hand ending on the centre line while the corners chase half way clockwise to own sides.
- 37-40 1st woman with 2nd couple, and 1st man with 3rd couple, each dance right hands across ending on the sides in the order 2,1,3.

Music

- Suggested tune: Chinese Dance (Traditional).
- Suitable recording: A Set of Reels (Neil Barron and his SDB: Music for Scottish Dancing).

Notes

- The sequence of set to corners and cast away followed by half a diagonal reel of four comes from Jaywalking by Campbell Tyler.