

Rotational Symmetry

(or Relentless Misery)

A 32 bar reel for four couples in a longwise set. The complete dance has two-fold rotational symmetry about the centre of the set and all four couples are dancing all the time in continuous flowing movement for 128 bars with no stopping or setting.

The dance starts with two chords. On the second chord the 2s and 4s cross to the opposite side passing left shoulder.

Bars

- 1-4 1st and 2nd couples also separately 3rd and 4th couples half turn partners left hand then dance half left hands across.
- 5-8 1st and 4 couples dance a complete right hands across in the centre ending in promenade hold facing 1st woman's and 4th men's places respectively. Meanwhile 2nd and 3rd couples chase half way round the set anticlockwise and end turning to face inwards.
- 9-12 1st and 4th couples in promenade hold each dance half reels of 3 across the dancing starting by giving right shoulder to 3rd man and 2nd man in 2nd and 4th places respectively. 1st and 4th couples end by releasing promenade hold and crossing partners in front by the left hand to face the corners: 1st woman facing 3rd man, 1st man facing 3rd woman, 4th man facing 2nd woman, 4th woman facing 2nd man.
- 13-16 1st and 4th couples turn the corners once round with the right hand to end facing the same corner.
- 17-24 All dance crossing diagonal right shoulder reels of 4 with quick half left hands across in the centre.
- 25-32 All circle 8 hands round to the left, drop hands, twirl pulling left shoulder back and circle 8 hands back to the right. End in the order 3142 with 1st and 2nd couples on opposite sides.