

Dancing on Water

Strathspey 32 bars for a 4 couple longwise set
2 chords - couples 3 and 4 start from opposite sides

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Bars:

- 01 - 04 1st couple cross right hand and cast off one place
while 4th couple cross right hand and cast up one place
2nd and 3rd couples step up/down on bars 3-4.
- 05 - 08 2nd + 3rd couples set + cross over right hands to opposite sides (and face in)
while 1st and 4th couples (in the middle places) set + link to change places
(keep facing the direction they are coming).
All 4 couples may give hands on the sidelines while setting.
- 09 - 12 4th and 1st couples (= middle couples) dance a full right hands across.
At the end 4th couple face up to 2nd couple (which is in top place),
and 1st couple faces down to 3rd couple (in bottom place).
- 13 - 16 All turn left hands once round.
(2nd man + 4th lady; 2nd lady + 4th man; 1st man + 3rd lady; 1st lady + 3rd man)
- 17 - 24 4th and 1st couple (still middle couples) dance a full "Men's Chain".
- 25 - 28 2nd couple dance a ½ figure of eight down around 4th couple,
while 3rd couple dance a ½ figure of eight up around 1st couple.
(start by crossing up or down)
- 29 - 32 All four couples turn partner both hands one round.

New order is now: 2 4 1 3

Repeat 3 more times from new places

This dance was first tried out during a small occasion in Beelen (near Muenster, Germany) in June 2007. We used a small room adjacent to the organiser's house. I subsequently learned that the wooden floor covers their former small indoor swimming pool. This inspired me to call this dance: "Dancing on Water".