

A Dance for All the McKays

A 40 bar Jig for Four Couples

bars	description
1 - 8	Reels of three on the sides. To start the reels, 1 st couple cast off and dance a reel of three on their own side of the dance; 2 nd couple cross down through third place to dance a reel of three on the opposite side; 3 rd couple, giving right shoulder on the man's side and left shoulder on the lady's side, dance a reel of three on their own side of the dance. All join nearer hands with partner where possible. At end, 1 st and 3 rd couples cast into place; 2 nd couple finish on opposite side.
9 - 12	1 st and 2 nd couples set and dance "petronella in tandem" into the centre of the set.
13 - 16	Repeat bars 9-12 to finish with 1 st couple in second place on the opposite side and 2 nd couple in first place on own side.
17 - 22	1 st and 2 nd couples turn partner with right hands half way round and dance right hands across once round.
23 - 24	1 st couple turn with right hands half way, to finish with hands joined in promenade hold facing third man, while 2 nd couple, giving right hands, cross over to finish in first place on own side.
25 - 32	1 st couple, with hands joined in promenade hold, dance a reel of three across the dance with 3 rd couple, giving right shoulder to 3 rd man to begin. 1 st couple finish in the centre of the set between 3 rd couple, facing down, 3 rd couple finish in their original place facing up.
33 - 36	1 st woman turns 3 rd man with the right hand while 1 st man turns 3 rd woman with the left hand. On bars 35-36, 1 st couple cross down (no hands) into third place on their own side of the dance (and stay facing out) while 3 rd couple dance up into second place.
37 - 40	1 st woman turns 4 th woman with the right hand one and one half times while 1 st man turns 4 th man with the left hand once and one half times to finish in fourth place on their own side. 4 th couple finish in third place.

Repeat, with a new first couple

For Kathy, Donald, Cameron, Neil and Kirsten McKay in celebration of the birth of Kirsten on December 28, 1995.

Music: Miss Kirsten McKay (© 1996 Bruce Shawyer)

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