

The Parting Glass Scottish Country Dance Instruction

The Parting Glass, a 32 bar Strathspey for 3 couples. Rod Downey, *The Golden Bear Collection*

A 32 bar Strathspey for 3 couples in a 4 couple set

1-4 First and second couples dance Pass Right Progression: 1C and 2C dance forward and pass partner right shoulder (1 bar only) and immediately turn to the right. The couples should not dance to the other side, but remain reasonably close. They then dance in the direction they are facing, men down and ladies up, turning right again and then right again back to own sides into progressed places. (The men have the 2nd man leading, dance down to second place, turn right, dance to own side, turn right and then dance up the men's side, the finishing in order 2nd man at the top and first in second place; the ladies symmetrically, but starting upwards.)

5-8 2C and 1C dance 4 hands round once. (Teaching note: For new dancers, the hint is that it is important that they get all the way back to sidelines, else 1M has the desire to give LH to 3C.)

9-16 1M with 3C and 1L with 2C dance right hands across followed by 1M with 2C and 1L with 3C dancing left hands across (teapots) finishing with 1C right shoulder to right shoulder in the middle of second place facing partner's side. (Don't rush)

17-24 1L dances a figure of eight across around the 3C passing left shoulder around 3M to begin and finishes between the 3C, who turn to face up.

Similarly, 1M left shoulder around 2W, and finish between 2C who face down.

25-28 Up and down the set, 1M with 2C and 1L with 3C advance and retire.

29-32 1C dance a two hand turn $1\frac{3}{4}$ to finish in second place.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

(Dance crib compiled by the deviser Rod Downey, Johnsonville SCD Club Tutor)