

DANCE OF GREETING (Denmark)

OPENING FORMATION: Single circle, girls on partners' right. All face center. PART 1: Meas. 1: All clap own hands twice, face partners and bow (girls curtsy).

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Meas. 2: Facing center, clap hands twice and bow (or curtsy) to neighbor.

Meas. 3: Facing center again, all stamp twice in place (right, left).

Meas. 4: Turn in place with four light running steps.

(Meas. 1-4): Repeat PART I.

PART 2: Meas. 5-8: All join hands and run, lightly, 16 steps left.

(Meas. 5-8): Repeat 16 running steps to the right.

NOTE: Older groups may prefer the following variation:

PART 1: Meas. 1: Clap hands twice, on the beat.

Meas. 2: All turn in place with four light running steps.

Meas. 3-4: Bow (and curtsy) slowly to partner, holding for two full measures.

Meas. 5-8: Repeat PART 1.

PART 2: Meas. 9-16: In shoulder-waist position, couples move counterclockwise around the circle with 16 step-hops. (Step-hop by stepping, then hopping, on one foot as the other foot swings forward and across.)

PART 3: Meas. 1-8: Repeat Part 1 (twice through).

PART 4: Meas. 9-16: All step-hop around the circle in a "grand right and left": facing each other, partners grasp right hands and pass on to the next person with a left-hand hold. Continue around the circle in this fashion, alternating right and left-hand holds, for 16 step-hops.

If the 16 step-hops do not bring original partners together, each repeats the dance from the beginning with a new partner—that person with whom hands are clasped at the end of the 8 measures.



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