

WYRESDALE GREENSLEEVES DANCE

"OLD MAN'S JIG"

This dance is unique - it is the only example of English Folk dancing that can in any way be considered clownish. It is still performed in the Wyresdale district on Holidays and for festivals. The tune and dance is traditional and comes to us from James Winder who learned it from his father and found the tune in an old manuscript music book.

Recording - "Greensleeves" RCA Victor 21619 B.

Music: Piano

Morris dance tunes Set X p 18 "Greensleeves"

Formation: Three men in a circle

Step: Step together step.

Dance

- A1 1-4 All join hands and bow three in a line No. 1 in middle No. ccw  
Dance around and back.  
Join hands and take 8 step fig. cw. and back ccw.
- B1 Clap, slap & Kick  
All release hands and face ccw.
- 1-2 Ct. 1 - No. 1 claps hands tog.  
" 2 " " slaps L thigh with L hand  
" 3 " " " No. 2 on the back R. hand  
" 4 " " kicks " " with his R knee - No. 2 dodges
- 3-4 The clap, slap, and kick is repeated by nos. 2 & 3 in order.  
All turn single and face cw. repeat clap .... reversing hands slap  
L. and kick L knee.
- A2 Dance around and back. as in A1.
- B2 Leg over.  
Keeping hands in ring position  
No. 1 stamps - L R L and throws R leg over his arm  
" 2 & 3 do the same in order.  
in upright position all hop in place 4 times. L.  
All hop around cw. 8 counts and hop back ccw 8 cts.  
Drop hands letting legs down
- Repeat B1 - Clap, slap & kick  
" A1 - Break into straight line and bow.

As notated this dance fits the record.

If piano music is used the movements clap, slap, and kick and leg over may be repeated by No. 2 & 3 in order.

--presented by Elna McFarland