

DORSET FOUR HAND REEL
(England)

A West of England country dance collected in Bridport, Dorset.

RECORD: Barn Dance EPDSS BR-1 (33-1/3). Intro, chord.
CDS 3, Wiltshire 6 Hand Reel. 4 meas Intro.
HMV 7EG 8398 (Out of Print)

FORMATION: Two cpls in line, facing ptrs.
2nd M → ← 2nd W 1st W → ← 1st M (Top)

MUSIC 2/4

PATTERN

Meas.

INTRO.

FIG. I.

- A 1-32 All dance a Hey for Four (Reel of Four) (Begin by passing R shldr with ptr. Use brisk dance-walk, arms hanging freely at sides. Always pass L shldrs in the middle of the set and R shldrs the rest of the time.) through starting place, and then continue for 4 more shldr passes. Finish with two (2) M facing each other in ctr of set, each with ptr behind him, facing ctr of set. 1st W → 1st M → ← 2nd M ← 2nd W (Top)
- B 1-16 The two (2) M "Step" to each other ("Step": Polka in pos, or any steps in time to the music.) This a show-off figure.
- 17-32 The two (2) M turn 1/2 CW to face ptrs, and ptrs "Step" to each other.

FIG. II.

- A 1-32 All dance Hey for Four again, (Begin by passing R shldr with ptr. Use brisk dance-walk. Take hands just below shldr height in passing.) through Fig. II starting pos, and then continue for 4 more shldr passes. Finish as in beginning pos of Fig. I, but with two (2) W facing each other in ctr of set, each with ptr behind her, facing ctr of set. 2nd M → 2nd W → ← 1st W ← 1st M (Top)
- B 1-16 The two (2) W "Step" to each other.
- 17-32 The two (2) W turn 1/2 CW to face ptr and ptr "Step" to each other.

FIG. III.

- A 1-32 All dance Hey (Reel), as in Fig. I, meas A 1-32, except use a Rant or Traveling Polka Step.
- B 1-16 Two (2) M "Step", as in Fig. I, meas B 1-16.
- 17-32 All "Step", as in Fig. I, meas B 17-32.

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FIG. IV.

- A 1-32 All dance Hey (Reel) as in Fig. II, meas A 1-32. Use Rant or Traveling Polka Steps, taking hands just below shldr height in passing.
- B 1-16 Two (2) W step, as in Fig. II, meas B 1-16.
16-32 All step, as in Fig. II, meas B 17-32.
32-48 Ptrs swing with Buzz Step in ballroom pos.

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