Juice of Barley

(England)

Juice of Barley appeared in John Playford's *English Dancing Master*, volume I, in 1690. Cecil Sharp reconstructed the dance and published it in his *Country Dance Manual* in 1916. The dance was presented by Joyce Lissant Uggla at evening dances at the University of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp beginning in 1992.

Music:

Cassette: Claremont Country Dance Band, "Juice of Barley," CDS 9 Side A/1.

6/8 meter

Sheet music: Peter Barnes, The Barnes Book of English Country Dance Tunes, CDSS;

Marshall Barron, Tunes for Juice of Barley, CDSS.

Formation:

Longways* set numbered Cpl 1 and Cpl 2 alternating down the set.

Steps:

Half Figure-Eight: Dancer 1 crosses the set ahead of dancer 2 and goes down around the dancer in 2nd place opp line to end in neighbor's place.

Dancer 2 crosses following Dancer 1 and goes up around the dancer in



Dancer 2 crosses following Dancer 1 and goes up around the dancer in 1st place opp line to end in neighbor's place.

Styling:

Stand tall, keeping weight over the feet. Use a light, walking step (2 per meas), moving to the music. Can begin on either foot. Free hands down at sides. On turns and circles, keep a firm hold (W-pos, a little above waist level), giving weight (a feeling of equal tension between the dancers).

* Described in the "General Glossary" of Steps & Styling (rev. 1996), published by the Folk Dance Federation of CA, Inc.

Measures		6/8 meter	PATTERN
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		THE DANCE	
Α	1-4	Partners dance back-to-back: 1	bass R shldrs, pass back-to-back, back into place.
	5-8	Partners turn with two hands of	once around.
В	1-4	Men dance Half Figure-Eight	between women, M1 leading, and ending in other M's place.
	5-8	All clap own hands on 1st bea	t and circle four hands once around CW.
В	9-12	Women dance Half Figure-eig	tht between men, W1 leading and ending in other W's place (opp ptr).
	13-16	Repeat B, meas 5-8.	
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Repeat the entire dance from the beginning until the music ends. Cpl 1 continues to progress down the set, wait out one time at the end, and come back in as a Cpl 2. Cpl 2 continues to progress up the set, wait out one time at the top, and come back in as a Cpl 1.

This is a good dance for beginners, with an easy progression and opportunity to recover from mistakes.