

CHILDRENS' POLKA (Germany)

Words by Helen Jill Fletcher

Verse 1 Oh, come dear partner take my hands—please
2 Take my hands this way—Oh,
3 Come dear partner let us dance—And
4 I will lead the way—Tra

5 La, la, la, la, la, la, Tra
6 La, la, la, la, la, la, Oh,
7 Let us dance, Oh, let us dance—Oh,
8 Let us dance this way—today.

OH COME DEAR PART-NER TAKE MY HANDS PLEASE TAKE MY HANDS THIS WAY OH COME DEAR PART-NER

LET US DANCE AND I WILL LEAD THE WAY 8 TRA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA TRA LA LA LA LA

LA LA LA OH LET US DANCE OH LET US DANCE OH LET US DANCE THIS WAY TO - DAY! 16

Steps Run, glide polka

Opening Formation Single circle. Partners face each other, arms extended shoulder high, hands joined.

Measures 1-4
Lines 1-2
Everybody sings. Dancers glide polka toward center (slide-close, slide-close) then three running steps in place. Repeat moving outward from center.

Measures 5-8
Lines 3-4
Repeat the whole step from the beginning.

Measures 9-10
Line 5
Slap thighs with both hands. Clap own hands together in slow tempo. Clap partners' hands three times in quick tempo.

Measures 11-12
Line 6
Repeat.

Measures 13-14
Line 7
Jump and place right heel forward, place right elbow in left hand and shake right forefinger at partner three times. Repeat with left heel forward and shake left forefinger.

Measure 15
Turn complete circle to the right with four jumps.

Measure 16
Face partner and stamp three times.

Line 8
Repeat dance from the beginning.



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Victor #20432

RCA Victor LPM #1625

Folkraft #1187