

Te Laren (pronounced tuh lahren) = In Laren.
 Laren is a town in the province of Noord-Holland.
 The dance is in the style of Brabant and was created by Elly Olderaan.

Music: Crossroads LP CR 28116 Mie Katoen 2.

Formation: Dancers stand in circle, facing centre, hands joined, gents with partner on right.

1. All advance with 4 walking steps towards centre. Begin with left.
 All retire with 4 walking steps.
 All advance towards centre with 4 walking steps.
 Lady with 3 walking steps LRL takes a complete turn by left to finish behind her partner. On step 3 she claps hands together. During this movement gent claps hands once on knees, then hands together then claps hands with his neighbours, his right to right neighbour's left and his left to left neighbour's right.
2. Gent turns quickly by right to face partner.
 Both raise index finger towards each other and stamp LRL, gent moving slightly forwards and lady slightly backwards on the 3 stamps.
 Both raise index and middle fingers together towards each other and stamp RLR gent moving slightly forwards and lady slightly backwards on 3 stamps.
 Both raise index, middle and ring fingers together towards each other and clap own hands twice.
 With 8 walking steps partners link right arms and turn, lady one complete turn, gent $1\frac{1}{2}$ times. Gent will be facing out so he turns $\frac{1}{2}$ turn quickly by right to face in again, ending on right of original partner.

Dance begins again with new partners.

Presented by John Melville at Maine Folk Dance Camp 1985

