

### 3 CORNISH MEETING DANCE

Children need to be in pairs with enough space to move freely without interfering with others. The complex progression has been removed but with confidence children will progress to the simpler 'find another partner' on the last bar.

#### **Bars**

- 1 – 2 (a) Turn partner with right arms linked using a 'step hop' (exaggerated skip) step.
- 3 – 4 (b) Turn partner with left arms linked
- 5 (c) Face partner. Clap and touch own left elbow. Clap and touch own right elbow.
- 6 (d) Clap, and using both hands touch head then shoulders then hips – wiggle hips.
- 7 – 8 (e) Bow or curtsy, turn around on the spot and begin again.

The music will gradually increase in speed.

#### **Extra Information**

The Cornish Mating Dance was collected in 1951 in Bude and is great fun. In this version children can learn to co-operate with a partner without the need for a more complex understanding of pattern. It is possible for children to provide their own "mouth music" for this dance using the old children's favourite 'Cat's got the measles'.

#### **Tune: The Cats Got The Measles**

