

6 OLD HAND IN HAND

A dance for couples standing side by side, ladies on the man's right (ones and twos will do just as well). Gentleman reaches behind the lady to hold her right hand in his right hand at shoulder height. At the same time he holds her left hand in his left hand in front at waist height.

Bars

- 1-4** Four slip steps forward. Man lifts right arm over the lady's head turning her to face him.
5-8 Man pulls lady back four slip steps
9-10 Man spins lady under his right and then left arm without releasing hands.
11-12 Lady spins man likewise
13-14 Repeat bars 9-10
15-16 Repeat bars 11-12
17-24 Raise joined right hands and lock elbows and swing partners. Return original position in time to start the dance again by gentlemen lifting joined right hand over the lady's head.

Extra Information

Stories about the Midsummer Bonfire Tradition in Cornwall (Golowan) talk about the "peculiar hand in hand dance". In 1991 the Cornish Dance team Ros Keltiek met a lady who provided a description.

Tune: Keskerth Drogwas

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