

## AYERS ROCK

dance devised by  
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A dance for Johan Maclean  
to take to Australia in JULY 1991

Strathspey - 4 couples - 32 bars

In this dance 3rd and 4th couples start on wrong sides. There should be two chords at the beginning to allow them to cross on the second chord.

Tune - "xxxx"

## BARS

- 1-4 1st couple with 2nd couple and 3rd couple with 4th couple, joining nearer hands on the sides, set and link, but finish with 2nd and 4th couples facing down and 1st and 3rd couples facing up
- 5-8 2nd couple set to 1st couple and 4th couple set to 3rd couple and change back to original places giving LEFT hands. Omit polite turns at the end and dance on into :--->
- 9-16 "Interlocking reels of four" round the set (as in 1314). 1st and 4th couples pass partners at the top and bottom of the set to begin, while 2nd and 3rd couples pass on the sides.  
(All pass the first person by the right; the next person by the left; the third person by the right and then curve round by the right to face this third person again; all return to place passing right, left and then right again)  
At the end :- instead of just passing by the right, all turn with both hands half way round to finish with 1st couple at the top facing down with nearer hands joined; 4th couple at the bottom facing up with nearer hands joined; and 2nd man with 3rd woman, and 2nd woman with 3rd man on the sides facing across with nearer hands joined.  
I.E. A "sort-of square" formation.
- 17-20 Eight hands round to the left for 2 bars and then, retaining hold of hands in the circle, all set.
- 21-24 Dropping hands, all dance to the left for one step as though continuing the circle and then all cast back in a chase to original places.  
At the end:- 1st and 4th men stay facing out.
- 25-28 1st man casts off to third place on the men's side and then dances straight across to the women's side - his partner follows him to finish in third place on the men's side.  
4th man, similarly, casts up to second place on the women's side and then dances across to the men's side - his partner follows him to finish in second place on the women's side.  
2nd woman steps up and 3rd woman steps down on bars 25-26, while 2nd man steps up and 3rd man steps down on bars 27-28.
- 29-32 2nd couple with 4th couple and 1st couple with 3rd couple dance right hands across.

The finishing order is 2,4,1,3 with 1st and 3rd couples on wrong sides.  
Repeat from new positions.