

THE WILD GOOSE CHASE

dance devised by
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for Coral Mathieson of Aberdeen

Jig - 4 couples - 32 bars.

Tune - "The Wildgeese" - See R.S.C.D.S. Book 24 No. 3

BARS

1-8 1st woman dances a figure of eight round 2nd and 3rd women - to begin she dances in front of 2nd woman, then behind 3rd woman. 1st man dances diagonally across to follow his partner in the figure of eight. At the end - 1st couple dance into the centre of the dance in top place and face down (1st man has his partner on his right).

At the same time, 4th man dances a figure of eight round 3rd and 2nd men - to begin he dances in front of 3rd man, then behind 2nd man. 4th woman dances diagonally across to follow her partner in the figure of eight. At the end - 4th couple dance into the centre of the dance in fourth place and face up (4th man has his partner on his left).

9-10 1st couple, joining nearer hands, set facing down, while 4th couple, similarly, set facing up. At the same time, 2nd couple dance up on the sides (2 skip change of step) to join nearer hands with 1st couple facing down, and 3rd couple dance down on the sides to join nearer hands with 4th couple facing up.

11-12 All set in two lines facing down and up.

13-16 2nd man, 1st woman, 3rd man and 4th woman dance right hands across on the men's side while their partners dance right hands across on the women's side, and all return to the two lines across the dance.

17-24 1st and 2nd couples dance a reel of four across the dance and 3rd and 4th couples dance a reel of four across the dance. At the end, 1st woman and 4th man dance into the centre of the dance to meet and join left hands (1st woman in second place and 4th man in third place) 1st man dances down to join right hands with 1st woman, while 4th woman dances up to join right hands with 4th man i.e. 1st and 4th couples are in a straight line down the centre of the dance.

25-28 1st and 4th couples balance in line, then turn partners with the right hand three quarters round to face up with right hands still joined.

29-32 1st couple dance up and cast off to third place on own sides. 4th couple, following 1st couple, dance up to the top and cast off to second place on own sides.

Repeat from new positions.