Aileen's Jig

Jig, 32 bars, 3 couples in a 4-couple set.

Bars

- 1-6 1st couple set, and then dance back-to-back with each other.
- 1st couple turn right hand, moving down the centre, to finish in a Balance-in-Line formation with first corners.
 (Retaining right hand hold, 1st couple join left hands with first corners).
 2nd couple move up to first place.
- 9-10 1st couple with first corners, Balance-in-Line with 2 Pas de Basque.
- 11-12 1st couple release hands and dance round their first corners giving left shoulders to finish in second place on opposite sides (1st man, down and out round to the left; 1st woman, up and out round to the left).

 Meanwhile-

First corners, turn <u>left</u> hands half way round. At the end of the turn, they stay close together in the middle of the set with hands still joined, and with their backs towards opposite first corner position.

13-16 1st couple dance back-to-back, passing right shoulders. As they retire, they join left hands, and then right hands with second corners, to form a Balance-in-Line formation.

Meanwhile-

First corners, retire with 2 Skip Change of Step to opposite first corner position, and set.

- 17-18 1st couple with second corners, Balance-in-Line with 2 Pas de Basque.
- 19-20 1st couple release hands and dance round their second corners giving right shoulders to finish in second place on opposite sides (1st man, up and out round to the right; 1st woman, down and out round to the right).

 Meanwhile-

Second corners, turn <u>right</u> hands half way round. At the end of the turn, they stay close together in the middle of the set, with hands still joined, and with their backs towards opposite second corner position.

21-24 1st couple turn right hand 1 ¼ turns. Finish with 1st woman facing her first corner position, with 1st man just behind her, also facing 1st woman's first corner position, ready for Half Dolphin Reels of Three with first corner positions.

Meanwhile-

Second corners, retire with 2 Skip Change of Step to opposite second corner position, and set.

- 25-28 1st couple with first corners, dance Half Dolphin Reels of Three. First corners end up in home position. In the Half Reel, as 1st woman leads out, and then 1st man leads in, they end up in that order, both facing 1st woman's second corner position.
- 29-32 1st couple with second corners, dance Half Dolphin Reels of Three. Second corners end up in home position. In the Half Reel, 1st man leads out, and then 1st woman leads in. 1st woman cross to own side at the end of the Reel.

Repeat the dance from second place.

Suggested Music: Charlie's Birthday from *Les Joueurs de Bon Accord: Music for Scottish Country Dancing* by Laura Risk, Nicholas Williams, and Éric Breton.

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