Eric's Reel

32-bar reel for three couples in a four-couple longwise set

- 1-4 1st couple, giving right hands, cross over and cast off. 2nd couple step up on bars 3-4.
- 5-8 1st couple turn with the right hand, finishing in second place on the opposite side of the set.
- 9-12 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples set twice.
- 13-16 1st couple, giving right hands, turn 1 ¼ times. Finish 1st woman between 2nd couple facing down and 1st man between 3rd couple facing up.
- 17 20 All set twice.
- 21-24 1st couple, giving right hands, turn 1 ¼ times, finishing in 2nd place, man facing up and woman facing down.
- 25 32 All dance clockwise once round the set.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Written for the Edinburgh Branch beginners class in the Eric Liddell centre in Autumn 2012. I wanted a dance which gave plenty of setting practice, didn't rely on a new figures we hadn't encountered yet, and contrasted with the other dance planned for the class.

Seonaid Lynn played for the class and wrote a tune to accompany it.

Tune: Eric's Reel (Seonaid Lynn, October 2012)

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