

# Gloomy Winter's Noo Awa'

Dance for 3 couples in a 4 couple longwise set

8x32 bar Strathspey

- 1- 2      1<sup>st</sup> lady casts off below 2<sup>nd</sup> lady **while** 1<sup>st</sup> man dances across the dance into 1<sup>st</sup> lady's place.
- 3-4      1<sup>st</sup> man casts off one place **while** 1<sup>st</sup> lady dances across the dance to 2<sup>nd</sup> man's place **while** 2<sup>nd</sup> couple step up.
- 5-8      1<sup>st</sup> couple turn 1½ times by the left hand.
- 9-12     1<sup>st</sup> lady with 2<sup>nd</sup> couple, 1<sup>st</sup> man with 3<sup>rd</sup> couple dance right hands across once round.
- 13-16   1<sup>st</sup> couple pass right shoulder to dance left hands across once round, 1<sup>st</sup> man with 2<sup>nd</sup> couple and 1<sup>st</sup> lady with 3<sup>rd</sup> couple.
- 17-20   1<sup>st</sup> couple pass left shoulder in the centre to start half a diagonal reel of four with their first corners. At the end of the half reel, 1<sup>st</sup> couple pass right shoulder in the middle of the dance and 1<sup>st</sup> man curves round to follow behind 1<sup>st</sup> lady, into...
- 21-24   1<sup>st</sup> lady, followed by 1<sup>st</sup> man, gives right shoulder to 3<sup>rd</sup> man to start half a diagonal reel of three with second corners. 1<sup>st</sup> couple dance this half reel as a unit.
- 25-28   1<sup>st</sup> lady, still followed by 1<sup>st</sup> man, gives right shoulder to 2<sup>nd</sup> man (in 3<sup>rd</sup> lady's place) to start half a diagonal reel of three with first corners. Again, 1<sup>st</sup> couple dance this half reel as a unit.
- 29-32   1<sup>st</sup> lady casts round 1<sup>st</sup> man (passing right shoulder), and gives right shoulder to 2<sup>nd</sup> lady (in 3<sup>rd</sup> man's position) **while** 1<sup>st</sup> man gives right shoulder to 3<sup>rd</sup> man (in 2<sup>nd</sup> lady's position), to start half a reel of four with partner's second corners. At the end of the reel, 1<sup>st</sup> couple pass right shoulders to return to 2<sup>nd</sup> place on their own sides of the dance. 1<sup>st</sup> lady remains facing out, ready for her cast...

Repeat, having passed a couple.

**Note 1:** (from Caroline): in the reels, the funny reel is 180° opposite the one it is supposed to be. For the woman it is the 4<sup>th</sup> reel, and for the man it is the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Note 2:** After the second time through, 1st couple may repeat bars 1-8 from 3rd place to progress to the bottom of the set.

This is a variant on the dance "The Gloomy Winter" which I gave to Sophia for her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday and which was published in the New Scotland 50th Anniversary Book. Bars 9-16 didn't really work when tried with New Scotland and Dunedin - they require too much careful phrasing - so I came up with this modification. However, San Gabriel Valley like the original.

Written for Sophia Marriage and presented to her on the occasion of her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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**Tune:** Gloomy Winter

(Traditional)

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