

XIAOWEN

A three couple 48 bar jig in a three couple set.

- 1-2** Second couple turn half way giving right hands, and finishing staying in the middle with nearer hands joined facing third man. (In this dance the second couple are active.)
- 3-4** Second couple sets to third man.
- 5-8** Second couple and third man, dance right hands across finishing in second place on opposite sides, third man finishing in original position.
- 9-16** Second couple repeat 1-8, but use left hands and with the third woman. At the end the second man with his partner behind him finishes facing the first man.
- 17-24** Second couple, first man and third woman dance a lead change (tandem in the manual) reel of three. Finish the reel facing third man (with second man again leading).
- 25-32** Second couple, first woman and third man dance a lead change reel of three second couple giving LEFT shoulder to third man to begin. Finish ready for...
- 33-40** Second man dances a left shoulder reel of three on the side with the first and third men, beginning by giving left shoulder to third man; and similarly the second woman a left shoulder reel of three with first and third women.
- 41-44** Second and third men, and similarly second and third women turn left hand one and a half times to change places, third couple finish facing first couple on the sides, ready for..
- 45-48** First and third men and similarly first and third women turn right hands one and a half times on the side to change places.

Repeat with a new top couple.

Devised 25 July, 2010. Given to Xiaowen Yu (daughter of Monica). The first 16 bars are taken from a dance devised by Iain Boyd which in turn uses an idea by Alec Hay. Recommended music is "An' Thou Wert My Only Dear" preferably played ABABAB, and there is no recording of this with only 3 repetitions. The RSCDS recording of Book 21 by John Renton and his band, track 3 is an excellent 8 by 32 version. Acceptable alternative music would be "Balcomie House" as recorded by e.g. The Lothian Band ("In Strict Tempo", track 1) or The Irvine Valley SCD Band (Favourite SCD's Vol 3, Teacher's Choice, track 11).