

Olive's Return to Old Scotia

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

- 1-2 1st and 2nd couples join hands on the side and set.
 3-6 1st and 2nd couples dance four hands round to the left.
 7-8 1st couple dance down one place,
 WHILE 2nd couple step up and 3rd couple set.
 9-12 1st and 3rd couples dance four hands round to the left once round.
 13-16 1st couple, followed by 3rd couple, lead down through 4th couple
 and cast up round them into ...
 17-24 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples dance mirror reels of three on own sides,
 1st couple dancing in and up to begin.
 25-28 1st and 3rd couples dance half rights and lefts.
 29-30 Giving right hands, 3rd and 1st couples cross to change places with their partners.
 31-32 1st and 4th couples, giving left hands, change places on the sides.
 Repeat from new positions.

Devised by Jean Miller (June 2009).

Presented to Olive Jackson on the occasion of her return to the U.K. Recommended music:

“Olive’s Return to Old Scotia” on the CD *Spark O’ Water*,
Music for Scottish Country Dancing by Keith Smith and Muriel Johnstone.

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