

The Millwater

A strathspey for four couples in a straight set

In this dance, 3rd and 4th couples begin on the opposite side.

BARS	DESCRIPTION
1–4	1st and 4th couples, giving right hands, cross over. 1st couple cast off (2nd couple step up) while 4th couple cast up (3rd couple step down).
5–8	2nd and 1st couples and 4th and 3rd couples, respectively, dance four hands round to the left. They finish in the middle with nearer hands joined, 2nd and 4th couples facing down, 1st and 3rd couples facing up.
9–10	All set advancing diagonally to pass the facing couple by the men's left shoulder.
11–12	1st couple (at the top) and 4th couple (at the bottom) turn half way round with both hands to finish facing down and up, respectively. Meanwhile, 2nd and 3rd couples set advancing diagonally as in bars 9–10.
13–14	All set advancing diagonally as in bars 9–10.
15–16	All turn half way round with both hands to finish in the sidelines in the order 3, 1, 4, 2. 3rd and 2nd women finish facing out.
17–20	1st and 4th couple (in 2nd and 3rd places) dance left hands across once round. Meanwhile, 3rd and 2nd couples chase clockwise half way round the set.
21–24	2nd and 1st couples (at the top) and 4th and 3rd couples (at the bottom) dance right hands across once round.
25–30	1st and 4th couples set facing diagonally across and cast one place clockwise, then set facing diagonally across again.
31–32	1st and 4th women change places giving right hands. (The order is now 2, 4, 1, 3.)

Repeat from new places.

This dance was supposed to be called "The Mill Burn" until I found out that there are at least two other dances by the same name. "The Mill Pond" and "The Millstream" are also already taken. Imagine, if you will, the movement of the water as it flows from the pond over the mill wheel and then off to—who knows?