

# *The Generous Tunesmith*

A 32 bar jig for three couples in a four couple longwise set.

This dance is dedicated to Wouter Joubert who regularly gifts tunes he has composed to other dancers and dance devisers. In particular he offered a tune for a dance to be written for Eric Ferguson. I made two attempts at such a dance. Eric preferred one and it seemed obvious to offer the other dance to Wouter. Both were devised with the same (excellent) tune in mind but Wouter subsequently preferred to assign another new tune for this dance.

## *Bars Description*

- 1-4 1st couple cross over giving right hands and then set to partner.
- 5-8 Giving right hands on the men's side and left hands on the women's side, 1st couple half turn 2nd couple, ending in double triangles position. Then all set as in double triangles.
- 9-12 1st couple dance half a diagonal reel of four with their 1st corners, starting by passing right shoulder. 1st couple end crossing to 2nd place own side.
- 13-16 1st couple with 3rd and 2nd men (in 3rd place) dance mirror set and link with 1st couple casting to 3rd place as 3rd and 2nd men dance in and up ending in 2nd place facing out.
- 17-20 2nd and 3rd couples half turn giving right hands on the men's side and left hands on the women's side while 1st couple cross over giving left hands. Then all set facing in on the sides without taking hands.
- 21-24 Giving left hands on the men's side and right hands on the women's side, 1st couple half turn 2nd and 3rd women, ending in double triangles position. Then all set as in double triangles.
- 25-28 1st couple turn their 1st corners with the right hand and end passing right shoulder to lines of three across, 1st man between 3rd and 2nd men at the top, 1st woman between 3rd and 2nd women at the bottom. The corners dance for 4 bars.
- 29-32 All chase three quarters of the way round clockwise ending in the order 2,1,3.

## *Music*

Recommended tune: A Baker's Half-Century (Wouter Joubert). Though the dance was first devised for the tune Eric Ferguson, e-crib Master (also by Wouter Joubert).

Bar 7	Bar 13	Bar 17	Bar 21	Bar 25	Bar 29