

Binary Stars

A 32 bar jig for four couples in a longwise set. The dance starts with two chords: on the second chord 2nd and 4th couples cross over to the opposite side.

Bars Description

- 1-4 1st with 2nd couples, and 3rd with 4th couples, each dance mirror set and link for two couples. The inner couples (2nd and 3rd) dance up or down through the centre to the ends, curving into place, as the outer couples (1st and 4th) cast inwards. The order is now 2,1,4,3 with 2nd and 4th couples still on the opposite sides.
- 5-8 1st and 4th couples dance a complete left hands across and face the end couples.
- 9-12 All dance half a right shoulder reel of four on the sides.
- 13-16 All repeat the mirror set and link figure of bars 1-4 from their new places to end in the order 4,3,2,1 with 4th and 2nd couples on the opposite sides.
- 17-18 3rd and 2nd couples dance half left hands across and face the corners on the diagonals.
- 19-20 3rd and 2nd couples turn the opposite corners (1st and 4th couples respectively) almost once round by the right hand and face in. 4th and 1st couples end in the corners facing clockwise.
- 21-24 All dance 4 bars of intersecting diagonal reels of four. 3rd and 2nd couples start dancing in for half left hands across in the centre on bars 21-22 then dance out to the opposite corner and curve to their right. 1st and 4th couple, curving their right, dance in passing 2nd and 3rd couples right shoulder, then dance half left hands across on bars 23-24.
- 25-28 3rd and 1st couples, also 4th and 2nd couples, each dance a complete right hands across and all face clockwise.
- 29-32 All flow into a chase half way round clockwise. The final order is 2,4,1,3 with 4th and 3rd couples on the opposite side.

Music

- Suggested tune: Margaret Manson (Ian Burns).
- Suitable recording: A Shetland Welcome (Glenraig Scottish Dance Band: Scottish Country Dances Ah'm Askin').

Diagrams (music at the bottom)

Bar 5	Bar 9	Bar 13	Bar 17	Bar 21	Bar 25	Bar 29	End