

Scottish Country Dance Instruction

THE GATES OF KETTERDAM

(S3x32) 3C (3C set)

(Do not touch anyone during the dance)

1 1s&3s step out (up/down) while 2s pass RSh

2-4 1s&3s (long) link up/down (in 3 steps) while 2s get around 1st corner

5 1s&3s step out (on across lines) while 2s end get around 1st corner

6-8 1s&3s (long) link (in 3 steps) on across-line while 2s get around center to partner's places

9-16 Mirror reel (beginning 2s in-down, 1s&3s cast)

17-24 2s dance "Figure of Love" (two inverted hearts):

2L crosses down and casts up 1 place while 2M crosses up and casts down 1 place

2s meet in the middle (without touch) and twirl (pull back LSh)

2L casts up (behind 3M) and crosses back to starting place, while 2M casts down (behind 1L) and crosses back to starting place

25-28 All set in line (without hands) & pass/change RSh with partner

28-32 3M&2M & 3L&2L 1,5 gypsy turn while 1s one (or 2) (or one with a twist if desired) gypsy turn

(Dance crib compiled by the deviser Irina Chekmareva (a.k.a. Ricky) and Cher Shaddin, 2025)

Dance Information

The dance is dedicated to Kaz Brekker, a character from Leigh Bardugo's books and the TV series "Shadow and Bone", as well as to Leigh Bardugo personally and Freddy Carter, who wonderfully played this role. This character's facial expressions are quite gloomy, so it is not recommended to smile during the dance. But eye contact is extremely welcome! Most important! **This character has haptophobia. Do not touch anyone during the dance!** And if you wear gloves, that's great.

This dance is about the fact that you can love and interact, even if all the devils have trampled on you at once.