

Gowans' Fair

32-bar Jig for 3Cs in a 4C set

Bars

- 1-8** Top 3W, taking hands on the sides, advance for two steps and set (their partners set back). 1W, followed by 2+3W, dance up for one travelling step then following 1W cast off to third position. Order now 3, 2, 1.
- 9-16** Top 3M repeat bars 1-8, only this time 3M starts the casting from the bottom.
- 17-24** 1C, now in 3rd place, cross RH & cast UP one place (2C move down on 19+20). 1C dance a half figure of 8 up round 3C, to finish facing in and down.
- 25-32** 3+1+2Cs dance a HALF mirror reel on the side 1C in and down to start, 3+2Cs curve in to finish (4bars). 1C finish the reel solo by dancing up through the centre and casting to 2nd place. The order is now 2,1,3.

Repeat again from second place.

Recommended tune: "Miss Allie Anderson" from the CD Delaware Valley by Keith Smith & Muriel Johnstone.

Notes:

Bars 30-32 Second Time Through 1st Couple cast off to the bottom, while, the bottom couple step up on 31&32 so everyone is ready to start the dance again in their new positions.

This dance was requested by members of the Waikanae SCD club, to give to one of their oldest dancers to celebrate her 90th birthday. Rita Brennan the lady in question has danced and taught at the Waikanae club, after leaving the Hutt Valley with her husband Colin to retire to sunny Waikanae.

The name was researched by Jacki King, the president of the Waikanae club. Gowan is the name of a meadow daisy – and Rita's full name is Marguerite, which also means daisy.

Damon & I were delighted to be asked to devise this dance for Rita our long-time friend. Dance devised in August 2012.