

HARD TIMES

*3 couples in line, partners facing, progressive - Waltz
Minuet step throughout (see Notes on some Figures)*

- A1 1 – 4 Facing partner, all one minuet step to right moving slightly forward, one minuet step to left moving forward and arriving back to back with partner;
- 5 – 8 1st Man and 2nd Woman right hand turn, *while* 2nd Man and 3rd Woman do the same, and 1st Woman and 3rd Man on the ends take one minuet step forward turning right and another forward to meet partner;
- 9 – 16 Repeat the above, (M2 + W1 and M3 + W2 doing the right hand turn, *while* M1 + W3 turn about on the ends).
- A2 1 – 4 All take two minuet steps forward diagonally to the left, at the same time turning single three-quarters left, to face partner again;
- 5 – 8 All right hand turn three-quarters with partner to original place;
- 9 – 12 All take two minuet steps diagonally forward to right, at the same time turning single three-quarters right, to face partner;
- 13 – 16 All left hand turn three-quarters with partner to original place.
- B1 1 – 8 1st and 3rd couples lead partner out to Man's left (up the room) two minuet steps, change hands and lead back, *while* 2nd couple do the same to the Man's right (down the room);
- 9 – 16 2nd Man and 1st Woman gipsy once and a half anticlockwise (left shoulder) with four minuet steps, *while* 3rd Man and 2nd Woman gipsy once and a half clockwise (right shoulder); *at the same time* 1st Man and 3rd Woman continue forward to meet each other in the middle, cross (W3 in front) between the other couples and move into each other's place (like half a big figure 8).
- B2 1 – 8 New partners (M1 + W2, M3 + W1, M2 + W3) lead out the way they are facing (middle couple up, outer couples down), change hands and lead back;
- 9 – 16 Same partners turn with both hands, ending in a straight line.

Repeat the dance twice.

Note:- In all turns in this dance, let go hands in plenty of time to prepare for the next movement.