The Pleasure of Folk Dancing

MICHAEL HERMAN'S FOLK DANCE ORCHESTRA

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There are many variations of this dance, although the following is perhaps the most widely known.

OPENING FORMATION: Couples in a single circle, hands joined. Girl on boy's right, all facing center.

PART 1: All slide 8 steps to left and 8 steps to right (one step per beat).

PART 2: All take 3 steps into center and stamp on fourth.

Then take 3 steps back and stamp again. Repeat.

PART 3: Partners join hands, arms extended at shoulder height. Take 4 slow "step-draws" (step-close, step-close, etc.) sidewards toward center while lowering and raising hands. Repeat back to original position.

Now take two step-draws toward center and back to position.

PART 4: Partners face, placing right hand around each other's waist (or hooking right elbows). With left hand in air, turn in place with 8 running or skipping steps.

