

M104 RED RIVER VALLEY—Trios Version

Formation:

Circle of trios. Each trio faces another three to form little sets of six people, all the way around the large circle. Five to six feet separate the trios from each other.

Singing call:

Part 1: 1. Oh you lead right down in the valley,
2. And you circle to the left and to the right.
3. Now you swing your girl in the valley,
4. And you swing your Red River girl.

Part 2: 1. Oh, you lead right down in the valley,
2. And you circle to the left and to the right.
3. The girls make a star in the valley,
4. And the gents do-si-do so polite.

Part 3: 1. Oh, you lead right down in the valley,
2. And you circle to the left and to the right,
3. Oh, you lose your girl in the valley,
4. And you lose your Red River girl.



Figure 88



Figure 89

Action:

- Part 1: 1. Each trio moves diagonally right forward around the trio they are facing, 4 steps, then 4 steps diagonally to the left to meet the approaching trio. (See Fig. 88.)
2. All six join hands and circle 4 steps left and 4 steps right.
3. The center person swings his right-hand partner once around with right-elbow swing;
4. Then he swings the left-hand partner with left-elbow swing.
- Part 2: 1. and 2. Repeat 1 and 2 of Part 1.
3. The four outside persons make a right-hand star and walk around once clockwise and back to place.
4. The two center persons do a do-si-do.
- Part 3: 1. and 2. Repeat 1 and 2 of Part 1.
3. The two right hand persons exchange places, passing right shoulders. (See Fig. 89.)
4. The two left hand persons exchange places, passing right shoulders. (The center person now has two new partners.)

Repeat from the beginning as desired.

Leader's note:

When trios are composed of other than a man and two ladies, the term "girl" or "girls" in the song should be altered accordingly.

Credit:

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