

LE ROND ARGENTONNAIS

This dance is from Argenton-sur-Creuse in Lower Berry, France. It was taught by Germain and Louise Hebert at UOP Stockton Folk Dance Camp in 1968.

Formation: closed circle, 'W' hold
Rhythm: 2/4

Intro: 6 measures

- MEAS. 1 Light drop fwd on L ft, bringing joined hands down (ct 1), step R ft behind L (ct 2)
- 2 Step back on L ft, bringing hands up (ct 1), step R ft in front of L (ct 2)
- 3-8 Repeat Meas. 1-2 three more times
- 9 Step L ft to L, bringing hands down (ct 1), step R ft beside L, hands continue down and back (ct 2)

Chorus:

- 10 Step L ft fwd to center (ct 1), step R ft fwd to center (ct 2) - hands coming up slowly during this measure
- 11 Step L ft fwd to center (NO DIP), arms at 'W' (ct 1), step R ft back from center, arms start down slowly (ct 2)
- 12 Step L ft back from center, arms coming down (ct 1), step R ft beside L, arms in 'V' (ct 2)
- 13-15 Repeat meas. 10-12

Partial translation of song:

We have left Easter, we are in spring-time
The vines are beautiful, the wheat is setting
Get married, maidens, don't wait any longer