

NIGHTS OF GLADNESS (American)

Music: Record, Skating Rhythms S R 150-A, Peerless 2128
Formation: Couples in open position form a circle facing counterclockwise, with inside hands joined and extended backward.

- A. 1. Step-Back to Back
Couples step forward on the outside ft. (M--L and W--R) ct. 1, swing inside foot forward (M--R and W--L), at same time swinging joined inside hands forward, and turning back to back, cts. 2, 3.
2. Step-Face to Face
Step on inside foot (M--R and W--L) ct. 1, swing outside foot forward, at the same time swinging joined hands backward and turning face to face, cts. 2, 3.
3. Step and Close
Step on outside foot, swinging inside foot and joined hands slightly forward, and at the same time turning back to back, cts. 1, 2, 3. Stop on the inside foot (M--R and W--L) ct. 1, joining both outstretched hands with partner (back to back), close the outside ft. to the inside ft. (M L to R, W R to L) cts. 2, 3.
4. Step and Draw
Still back to back and with outstretched hands joined, stop on outside ft. (M L and W R) ct. 1, draw the R to L (M's part, W opposite) cts. 2, 3.
Repeat all of step 4, cts. 1, 2, 3.
5. Step and Close
Step on M L and W R, dropping forward hands (M R and W L) and turn away from each other (M to L, W to R), to face each other cts. 1, 2, 3. Rejoin M R and W L hands as you stop on M R, ct. 1, closing L to R, cts. 2, 3. (W opposite).
- B. 1. Step-Swing, Step-Swing
Both hands still joined and facing each other, man steps to L on L, ct. 1, he swings R across L, cts. 2, 3. He steps to R on R, ct. 1, swings L across R cts. 2, 3. (W opposite.)
2. Step Side and Step Swing
M steps to L on L, ct. 1, 2. He steps on R in back of L ct. 3, he steps on L, ct. 1 swings R across L, cts. 2, 3.
(W opposite)
Repeat all of B starting on M R and W L.
- A. Repeat all of A -- 24 cts.
- C. 1. Waltz
In closed position (M's back to center of circle), take a preparation dip back on M L (W forward on R) cts. 1, 2, 3. Take 6 waltz steps (M starts forward on the R) circling to R and progressing counterclockwise. 18 cts. M twirls W to her R, 3 cts.

Continue, repeating dance in this order -- A, B, A, C--A, B, A, C, etc.