

LA BOULANGERE (France)

Source: La Boulangere (The Baker's Wife) is one of the very old French dances. Several much older versions exist. The Catalans also have a dance by the same name but while the French song has only two verses, the Catalans have over a dozen.

Record: Folkraft 1091B

Formation: 4 cpls in a square, all hands joined.

Steps: Skip

Measures
(6/8)

Pattern

I. Circling

1 - 4 Circle CW with 8 skips, beg L and shifting wt to L on last skip.

1 - 4 Circle CCW with 8 skips, beg R.

(rptd)

5 - 7 Interlude: Release hands, face ptr, M bow, W curtsy.

II. Visiting

8 - 9 Cpl 1 join R hands shoulder high, elbows slightly bent, and skip around each other CW with 4 skips.

10 - 11 M 1 with W 4, W 1 with M 2, join L hands and skip around each other CCW with 4 skips.

12 - 13 M 1 with W 1, M 2 with W 2, M 4 with W 4 (1st, 2nd, and 4th cpls) join R hands and skip around each other CW with 4 skips.

8 - 9 M 1 with W 3, W 1 with M 3, join L hands and skip around each other CCW with 4 skips.

10 - 11 Cpl 1 join R hands and skip around each other CW with 4 skips, moving to home pos.

12 - 13 Reform circle.

Repeat entire dance 3 more times, with cpl 2, then cpl 3, then cpl 4 doing the visitation.

Finish dance with action of Interlude.

Note: Whenever a cpl is free, clap own hands--2 claps to a meas.

Cues for Fig II

8 - 9 Allemande R with your own

10 - 11 Allemande L with corner

12 - 13 Allemande R with your own (corner cpls with own)

8 - 9 Allemande L with opp

(rptd)

10 - 11 Allemande R with your own to place

12 - 13 Reform circle.

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