

ROUND THE TOWN
(America)

Source: An American circle dance composed by Henry "Buzz" Glass.

Record: "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" Windsor 7115B

Formation: Cpls with hands joined, forming a single circle, W to R of M, facing ctr.

Measures Pattern

2 meas Introduction

I. Circle Left, Swing, Promenade

1 - 8 All circle L with 16 walking steps. Swing ptr 8 cts in waist-swing pos. In promenade pos cpls promenade 8 walking steps in LOD.

II. Back Track, Do Sa Do, Box the Gnat, Swing and Promenade

1 - 8 On the call "Back Track" M turn R and W L to face RLOD retaining promenade pos, M is on the inside and his ptr is to his L. Cpls promenade 4 walking steps. Dropping hands, ptrs face with M back to COH. Do sa do passing R shoulders in 8 walking steps. Join R hands and Box the Gnat. Box the Gnat: M holding joined R hands in an arch, walk to opp place making a half turn R, as W makes a half turn L to change places in 4 steps, walking under arch. Cpls swing 8 cts and then promenade in LOD 8 cts.

III. Grand Star

1 - 8 On the cue "Grand Star" ptrs face retaining only joined R hands, held head high in a star pos. Ptrs walk around in a CW circle 6 cts (6 walking steps). M takes 2 walking steps (2 cts) to move fwd in LOD to meet the oncoming W who progresses RLOD with 2 walking steps. In a L hand star new ptrs circle CCW with 6 walking steps. M again progresses fwd LOD 2 steps (2 cts) to meet new ptr with R hand star (6 cts), W progresses RLOD as before. Each M and W progress again to a new ptr (M on inside of the circle) (2 cts), and swing 4th W with a waist-swing (square dance swing) 8 cts. Re-form circle and repeat from the beg.

Call:

Circle to the L, around the ring you go,
Circle round the town, and swing your little doe
Swing your honey round, and then you'll promene
There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight
Then Back Track

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Back the other way, do sa do your girl
 Box that gnat, and swing a little whirl
 Swing her round and round, then you'll promenade
 With the cutest, the sweetest girl in town

Grand Star

Turn by the R, it's a L hand to the next,
 L hands round, then a cutie by the R
 R hand star and swing a brand new law
 There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight
 (and circle--beginning)

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