

**SKATING AWAY**  
(American)

I found this play party game excellent in places where boys are reluctant to choose girls for partners. Published in "Dance and Be Merry, Vol. 1" by V. F. Beliajus.

**Music:** Record: Methodist World of Fun M 111.  
Tune: Mulberry Bush.

**Formation:** Circle, no ptrs, all hands joined. The teacher may ask for two cpls to volunteer to form a R hand star (mill) inside the circle (or let the teacher appoint two "volunteer" cpls).

All sing: There were two couples skating away, skating away, skating away  
There were two couples skating away, so early Sunday morning (or,  
so early in the morning)

Action: The inside mill skips CW, the outside circle skips CCW.

All sing: The ice was thin they all fell in, they all fell in, they all fell in  
The ice was thin, they all fell in, so early Sunday morning.

Action: Reverse directions of each group.

All sing: The old swing out, the new swing in, the old swing out, the new swing in  
The old swing out, the new swing in, so early Sunday morning.

Action: Outside circle stops and claps hands. The inside two cpls release R hand star and each one approaches a new person, boys a new girl, girls a new boy. Join both hands with this new person, and turning CW, spin ptr into ctr of circle with skipping steps. Now two R hand stars are formed and dance is started anew.

The outside circle may now sing: "There were four couples skating...."  
During the next round they may continue by singing "There were many couples skating....."

Continue forming mills until everyone on the floor has a ptr - and they are then set to do a dance with ptrs.

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