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PRESENTS DANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR

"SLAUNCH TO DONEGAL"

(Contra Dance - Circle Dance - Singing Square Dance)

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Singing Square (original version) written by: Don Armstrong

Windsor #4483 - Contra/Circle dance called by Don & Marie Armstrong

Windsor #4183 - Instrumental, for use with all versions of the dance

Music by: The Armstrong Quadrilles

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(Contra/Circle Dance)

NOTE:

This dance may be done as a circle dance or as a contra "line" dance. If done as a circle dance, the formation is two large circles of couples around the hall with each circle having equal number of couples; one circle facing the center and the other circle facing the wall, opposite couples facing each other. All couples active throughout the dance. If the dance is done as a contra, the formation is two lines of equal number of couples, opposite couples facing each other. The gent of the couple on the left end of each line and the lady on the right end of each line are inactive during the first command of "Allemand Left Your Corner" and both partners of the couple on the left end of each line are inactive during the third command, "Slant To The Left, A Right And Left Thru".

"Slaunch To Donegal" may be prompted in the usual manner for a contra dance, the caller delivering the prompt just ahead of the 8-count phrase of music intended for the dance action. It may also be sung - or a combination of prompting and singing may be used by the caller to add interest, as was done in the recorded version. Both prompts and singing calls are given below.

PROMPTED CALLS:

- - - -, ALLEMAND LEFT YOUR CORNER (called on last 4 counts of Intro)

- - - -, GO HOME AND SWING YOUR OWN
- - - -, SLANT LEFT, A RIGHT AND LEFT THRU
- - - -, STRAIGHT ACROSS, NEW TWO, RIGHT AND LEFT THRU
- - - -, - - THE LADIES CHAIN
- - - -, - - CHAIN 'EM BACK
- - - -, - - STAR LEFT
- - - -, - - STAR RIGHT

TURN THE STAR TO DONEGAL, THEN CORNERS ALLEMAND

Allemand left corners, swing partners, do a right and left thru with the couple diagonally ("slaunchwise") to the left in the circle or line. Do a right and left thru with the new couple directly opposite. Opposite ladies chain across circles or lines then chain back to partner. Opposite couples make a left hand star and walk 8 steps CW, then change to a right hand star and walk 8 steps CCW back to starting position, ready to repeat the dance

SINGING CALLS:

ALLEMANDE LEFT YOUR CORNERS, GO HOME AND SWING YOU DO
SWING YOUR GIRL, THEN SLANT TO THE LEFT - DO A RIGHT AND LEFT THRU
TO THE LEFT YOU GO, THEN STRAIGHT ACROSS - DO A RIGHT AND LEFT THRU
TAKE YOUR TIME, TURN 'EM THERE, THEN THE LADIES CHAIN

SHE'S NOT YOURS, WHAT A SHAME, CHAIN HER BACK AGAIN
KEEP IN STEP WITH THE PIPER'S BAND, STAR WITH THE OLD LEFT HAND
AROUND YOU MILL AND AROUND YOU WHEEL, COME BACK WITH RIGHT HANDS, ALL
TURN THE STAR, GO HOME AGAIN - BACK TO DONEGAL

Sequence: Seven times thru the dance

(over)