

Gathering Peascods

(England)

Comment: From the country after which we modeled our basic way of life, we present a very popular English country dance. Although it dates back some three hundred years, the melody is rather modern and very pleasing to the ear.

Formation: Four couples circle.

Step: Slide, walk, run. Turn single-turn in place, four running steps.

Measure **Pattern**

Part I

1-4 Eight slide steps to L, hands joined.
5-6 Turn single. Drop hands, turn in place, take 4 running steps CW.
7-10 Eight slide steps to R, hands joined.
11-12 Turn single, Repeat meas 5-6.

Chorus

13-18 Men join hands, take 12 slide steps CW, return to original position.
 W stand in place.
19-24 W perform meas 13-18. Men stand in place.
25-26 Men walk to center (4 steps fwd, R, L, R, L).
27-28 Men back out, W walk to center.
29-30 W back out, M walk to center.
31-32 Men turn single out to original position in four steps.
25-32 Repeat Chorus, W leading the movements.

Part II

1-4 Sides. Face partners, pass L shoulders, taking 4 running steps.
 Turn around, pass R shoulders to original position.
5-6 Turn single.
7-12 Repeat meas 1-6 of Part II.
13-32 Repeat Chorus, W leading the movements.

Part III

1-4 Arming. Join right elbows with partners, turn CW in 8 running steps.
5-6 Turn single.
7-10 Join left elbows with partners, turn CCW in 8 running steps.
11-12 Turn single.
13-32 Repeat chorus, M leading the movements.