

## Morpeth Rant

(England)

Morpeth Rant was published in Kennedy's *Community Dances Manual 1949-1967*.

Music: 2/2 meter CD: *English Dances presented by Bruce Hamilton, Band 9*.

Formation: Longways duple minor set.

Steps: Rant Travelling Step. Rant Setting Step. (See "English Country Dance Glossary.")  
Swing and Change: Using Rant Travelling Step, in Ballroom or shldr/shldr-blade pos, dance around other cpl 1½ times to end in progressed place.

Meas Music: 2/4 meter Pattern

INTRODUCTION. None.

### DANCE

- A 1-4 M1 and W2 R-hand turn (Rant Travelling Step) until M1 can join L hand with M2 as well, to make a line of three (M1 facing down, others up). All dance in position to the end of the phrase.
- 5-8 They make arches and keep dancing Rant Setting Step in positions, while W1 dances down under the near arch, behind her ptr, and up under the far arch to finish in front of her ptr.
- A 1-8 They make a R-hand star (M2 joining behind M1) and dance around (running step), turning L to form a L-hand star, and return home.
- B 1-4 Still with running step, 1s, followed by 2s, lead down the ctr, dance under an arch made by the 2s, who fall in behind them, and all face up.
- 5-8 With Rant Travelling Step, all dance up to original places.
- B 1-8 Both cpls Swing and Change, 1½ times around each other. (Cpls stay close together.)

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