

VETTER MICHEL -- Austria
(fet-ter mi-hel)
(Couple dance)

Translation: Cousin Mike

Record: Folkraft LP (side B band 5)

Formation: Couples in a circle

Starting Position: Ballroom position. Man's left foot free and steps described for man (woman opposite footwork).

Music 2/4

Measure

PART I (Music A)

- 1 Two GALLOP STEPS sideward to man's left.
2 Two GALLOP STEPS sideward to man's right.
3-4 Four GALLOP STEPS sideward to man's left.
5-8 REPEAT measures 1-4 reversing footwork & lateral direction.

PART II (Music BB)

- 9 Releasing hands, two GALLOP STEPS sideward to man's left.
10 HOP on L foot with R leg swung across in front of L, and CLAP own hands (count 1), and repeat (count 2).
11-12 REPEAT measures 9-10 reversing footwork & lateral direction.
13-14 Two POLKA STEPS turning CW with partner in Ballroom position.
15-16 Four PIVOT STEPS starting with L foot, turning CW twice around.
17-24 REPEAT measures 9-16.

Song words

- 1) Gestern Abend war Vetter Michel da, (3) My cousin Mike was here last night.
Gestern Abend war er da. Mike was here last night.
Die Mutter flucht, die Mutter brummt, The mother peevd, she cursed his name,
Vetter Michel aber wieder kummt. Mike kept on coming just the same.
Gestern Abend war Vetter Michel da, My cousin Mike was here last night,
Gestern Abend war er da. Mike was here last night.
2) Gestern Abend waren wir allein, Last night we were just I and he,
Vetter Michel sagt er wird mich frei'n Cousin Mike proposed to me.

Note: This dance is known also in Germany, and known as "Fedder Mikkell" in Denmark. Cousin Mike must have been quite a wanderer!