

VETTER MICHEL — Austria

[fĕt-tĕr mĭ-hĕl]

(Couple dance)

Translation: Cousin Mike.Record: Folkraft LP 38 (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 and lateral direction.

PART II (Music BB)

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

Song words

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