

American Square Dance

(America)

Commentary: A Compilation of the prettiest traditional square dance figures.

Formation: Square. The step is the clog or shuffle step.

1

Honor your partner corners too  
Sashay partners halfway through  
Bow to the girl to the right of you  
Re-sashay that's what you do

2

Allemande left and a right to your girl  
It's a wagon wheel, and you make it whirl  
Whirl them high, whirl them low  
Spin that gal in calico

3

Spread the star out through the night  
Gals duck under and star by the right  
All the way 'round to the same old guy  
Promenade with the blue-tail fly

4

One and three bow and swing  
Into the middle and back to the ring  
Right and left across the floor  
Sides divide and line up four

5

Forward eight and back like that  
Forward again and box the gnat  
Same lady a do-si-do  
Back to back and around you go

6

Pass through across the set  
Everybody turn to the left  
Fall in a single file  
Left hand star and spin it a while

7

One like Venus one like Mars  
Head ladies out and make two stars  
Turn those stars all about  
Gents lead in and the ladies lead out

8

Turn those stars all about  
Ladies lead in and the gents lead out  
Pick up your partner as you go by  
Promenade a girl and a guy

9

Heads wheel and like a rising tide  
 Come back in behind the sides  
 Sides wheel out a boy and a girl  
 Come back in make the waters whirl

10

Heads wheel out one more time  
 Come back in you're doing fine  
 Sides wheel out just once more  
 Come back in as you did before

11

Allemande here and allemande thar  
 It's a right and left and you form a star  
 Here I come in my little red wagon  
 Axle broke and the wheel a dragging

12

Let that star to heaven whirl  
 It's a right and left and another girl  
 Told my Pa when I left town  
 A darn good wagon but it broke down

13

Shoot that star and find your own  
 Promenade go all the way home  
 Here they come in their old jalopy  
 Shirttails out now ain't they sloppy

14

Allemande left Alamo style  
 Right to your honey and balance a while  
 Balance in and balance out  
 Turn with the right hand half about

15

Balance out and balance in  
 Turn with the left hand half again  
 Everyone pass back to his girl  
 It's a butterfly and you make it whirl

16

First and third bow and swing  
 Lead right out to the right of the ring  
 Keep your lady on your right  
 Gents hook arms and hang on tight

17

Turn it around like a weather vane  
 It's cloudy in the east and looks like rain  
 Inside hook arms make one line  
 Turn it around you're doing fine

18

Turn it around like a garden gate  
Be sure to keep it nice and straight  
Break in the center as you did before  
Head for home 'cause ther's lots more

19

Two and four you bow and swing  
Lead right out to the right of the ring  
Circle four and don't you blunder  
Inside high and the outside under

20

Inside high and the outside low  
Dip and dive and the way you go  
Inside high and the outside low  
One more change and home you go

21

All couples balance all couples swing  
Gents circle left the inside ring  
Girls back in and take a little ride  
Hold on girls, slide boys slide.

22

Round we go in a pretty little ring  
Boys lean back and the girls sing  
They never had a finer ride  
Put them down boys on the other side

23

Allemande left and right to your taw  
Bunch those gals and balance all  
Westchester star go round for Hall  
Move right along and on't you fall

24

Ladies swing out and bunch the men  
Turn that star around again  
When you reach your place in the ring  
Give that pretty little girl a swing

25

Eight hands cross and around you go  
Grab that hand and clasp it  
Ladies bow, the gents know how  
You make a pretty basket

26

It's a high, It's a low  
Round and round you go  
Shake it, break it, swing it, make it  
Onward home you go

27

Now swing the girl upon your back  
Swing her round like grain in the sack  
Drop her down Lariat style  
Spin her again for a little while

28

Sit her down in that ring  
Bow to your corner and the pretty little thing