

Two Stars in the Night

Eight to the center and back to the bar
Eight to the center and form a star
With right hands across
Back with the left and don't get lost.
First lady out and form two stars
One like Venus and one like Mars.
Ladies come in and gents go out
Turn those two stars wrong side out.
Ladies go out and gents come in
Turn those two stars round again.
Find the one you call your own
Pick her off and take her home.

Description: At "First lady out and from two stars", lady leaves the 8-handed star left and initiates a right hand star alone. She is followed immediately by ladies 4, 3, and 2 who join her star - so 4 men remain in left hand star, 4 ladies in right hand star. At call "ladies come in", etc., first lady leaves the right hand star and crosses into the gents left hand star, passing in front of her partner. At the same time, first gent crosses to the right hand star, passing behind his partner. First couple cross over, followed immediately by couples 4, 3, and 2, ending with 4 ladies in left hand star and 4 gents in right hand star.

At call "Ladies go out" etc., the couples cross over again in turn, 1, 4, 3, 2, the gent always passing behind his partner, ending with gents again in left hand star, ladies in right hand star. At call "Find the one" etc., first gent picks off his lady from her star and takes her onto his right arm, gents 4, 3, 2 follow in turn immediately, resulting in a double left hand star. Circle around until in home position, then break star and wait for next call.

Unless space requires otherwise, first lady forms her star in position of couple two, second lady forms hers in position three, etc. Note that in leading out for the star, when second couple is leading, the order of crossing is 2, 1, 4, 3. This must be made clear in teaching the figure. Figure may be called without waits so that ladies only circle once in star right before crossing to left, then once around again and back to right, etc. With sets learning the figure, calls may be spaced to allow for a second revolution before crossing back.