

The Sweets of May, Aoibhneas na Bealtaine

An 8 x 32 bar jig for a square 8 hand set.

(16) Opening: **Rings**. Left, Right, Right, Left.

(32) Body: **Crossover, Advance & Retire, Ring the Bells**.

(8) Crossover:

(2) Head couples Crossover to the other head couple's place with the men passing Left shoulders.

(2) Side couples Crossover, while head couples turn to the Left into their opposites' places.

(2) Head couples cross back, while side couples turn to the Left into their opposites' places.

(2) Side couples cross back, head couples turn to the Left into their proper places.

(8) Advance & Retire:

(2) Head couples advance while the side couples turn to the Left into their proper places.

(2) Head couples retire while the side couples advance.

(2) Head couples advance while the side couples retire.

(2) Head couples retire while the side couples dance in place.

(16) Ring the Bells:

(1) Clap hands on thighs 4 times: (1 & a 2).

(1) Clap hands in air twice: (3 4).

(2) Repeat clapping.

(4) Sides with partner. Reform set on corners.

(8) Repeat Clapping and Siding to place.

(16) 1st Figure: **Lead Around & Back**.

(32) Body: **Crossover, Advance & Retire, Ring the Bells**.

(16) 2nd Figure: **See Saw**. All 4 couples.

(32) Body: **Crossover, Advance & Retire, Ring the Bells**.

- (16) 3rd Figure: **Arches.**
- (2) Couples take inside hands; heads go out to the Right and sides to the Left; Heads arch over sides.
 - (2) Release hands and turn about.
 - (4) Repeat to place, except that the side couples arch over.
 - (8) Repeat to the other side.
- (32) Body: **Crossover, Advance & Retire, Ring the Bells.**
- (16) 4th Figure: **Thread the Needle.**
- (8) Make an 8-hand circle; 1st man drops his left hand and 4th lady leads the rest of the set under the arch made by the 1st couple.
 - (8) 1st Man Threads the Needle under the arch made by 4th couple.
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- (16) Closing: **Rings.** Left, Right, Right, Left.

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