A Quaker Meeting

Dance for 2 facing 2 throughout the room

32 bar Jig

This dance starts with two couples to a set, facing each other. Man is on the left of the couple, lady on the right, both facing the other couple. Sets can be scattered around the room in any configuration.

- 1-2 Joining nearer hands with partner, advance towards the opposite couple.
- Join free hand with the person opposite and drop hands with partner; retire with that person.
- 5-8 Turn that person once round by the right hand.
- 9-10 Joining nearer hands, advance towards partners.
- 11-12 Join free hand with partners and drop hands with opposite; retire with partner.
- 13-16 Turn partner once round by the left hand.
- 17-24 Dance a ladies chain: ladies cross over giving right hands, turn the opposite man once round with the left hand, cross back giving right hands, turn partner once round with the left hand, into...
- 25-32 Take promenade hold (side by side facing forwards, right hand in right, left hand in left in front of you) and promenade at will around the room, finding another couple in time to start again.

Repeat ad lib.

This dance was devised for Michael Grimes and Vanessa Williams and presented to them during the barn dance to celebrate their wedding on the 5th of June 2004. They were married in Bourneville Quaker Meeting House, and had the barn dance in Tardebigge.

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Tune: Merrily Danced the Quaker's Wife (*Traditional*)

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