ICE CRYSTALS

32 bar strathspey for 3 couples

The movement of the dance represents patterns traced by ice crystals forming frost on a window-pane.

- 1 4 1st couple set and cast off one place; 2nd couple step up on bars 3 and 4.
- 5 8 1st couple dance a half reel of four with first corners; then, passing left shoulders,
- 9 12 1st couple dance a half reel of four with second corners, curving slowly around second corners to second place on opposite sides of the dance.
- 13 16 3rd, 1st and 2nd couples, giving both hands to partners, turn 1-1/2 times to finish on own sides of the dance.
- 17 20 3rd and 1st couples set and dance right hands across half way.
- 21 24 3rd and 2nd couples set and dance left hands across half way.
- 25 28 1st woman and 2nd man dance back to back, while 2nd woman and 1st man change places with each other, 2nd woman dancing up one place and crossing over, 1st man dancing down one place and crossing over.
- 29 32 2nd woman and 1st man dance back to back, while 1st woman and 2nd man change places with each other, 1st woman crossing over and dancing down, 2nd man crossing over and dancing up one place.

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Music: "This is No' My Ain Hoose"

Traditional

[John de Chastelain: 25 Dances]