

St Kilda Jig

32 bar Jig for 3 couples in a 4 couple longwise set

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Suggested Music: CD *Campbell's Birl* by Keith Smith & Muriel Johnstone;
Track 11: The Traveller's Jig:

BARS

- 1 – 8 1st, 2nd & 3rd couples dance a reel of three on their own side of the set. 1st couple pass 2nd couple with the right shoulder to begin, and all three couples finish in their original places.
- 9 – 10 1st & 2nd couples, nearer hands joined, set.
- 11 – 12 1st & 2nd couples, pulling the right shoulder back, cast one place around clockwise to the next position. (1st couple are now on the ladies' side and 2nd couple are on the men's side).
- 13 – 14 1st & 2nd couples, dance right hands across half way.
- 15 – 16 1W & 2M turn right hands halfway again, in the centre of the set to face their partners.
At the same time the 1st man, who is in second place, & the 2nd woman, who is in first place, both on their own sides, face in diagonally, & set.
- 17 – 24 1st & 2nd couples dance a diagonal reel of 4. 1st woman finishes the reel by dancing down the women's side to 2nd place. 2nd man, likewise dances up the man's side into 1st place. Order: 2 1 3
- 25 – 32 2nd, 1st & 3rd couples dance six hands round & back.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

St Kilda is a group of islands about 100 miles west of the Scottish mainland and 50 miles west of the Outer Hebrides. It is part of the Parish of Harris. The islands feature high cliffs and dangerous seas. The village of St Kilda was cleared of its inhabitants in 1930 and now the islands belong to the National Trust.