

Willow Tree – simple version adapted from NEDM’s “Chimes of Dunkirk”

a longways dance with sophisticated looking choreography that is deceptively simple to dance; a dynamic dance that is great for a dance performance.

Music: any jig or reel

Formation: 8 or 10 couples (it also works with 9 or 11, but not quite as well). Let's say it is 10 couples:

Top five couples are the 'Ups' and bottom five couples are the 'Downs'.

Music: If you are doing the strip the willow figure, then you can use the *Willow Tree* medley on *Chimes of*

Dunkirk CD or the music in the book. Otherwise, any jig or reel.

A1: Top couple sashay to bottom. Top gent leave partner at bottom and sashay back up with bottom lady. A2: Bottom couple sashay up with Top gent's partner, and sashay back to bottom with own partner. B1/B2: Top and bottom couples couples sashay to middle of set where they make a 'House' of four arches: two side arches and two head arches WHILE The remaining 'Ups' cast down and the remaining 'Downs' cast up. When the meet someone at the side, take their hand and go with them under the side arch. Then, inside the house, take partner's hand and go out the appropriate 'Up' or 'Down' arch and back to place.