

SUSIE'S LATEST PROMOTION

40 bar reel for 3 couples in a 4-couple set

by Tim Wilson, 2016

- 1-8 1st and 2nd couples set, and dance rights and lefts for 6 bars.
Both couples pull back right shoulders on bar 8.
- 9-12 1st couple set advancing to their own left, 1st couple join right
hands with one another and left hands with 2nd corners and all
four dancers balance in line.
- 13-16 1st couple drop right hands and turn 2nd corners once round with
left hands to finish with 2nd corners back in place and 1st couple
in second place on own sides.
- 17-20 1st couple set advancing to their own right, 1st couple join left
hands with one another and right hands with 1st corners and all
four dancers balance in line.
- 21-24 1st couple drop left hands and turn 1st corners once round with
right hands to finish with 1st corners back in place and 1st couple
in second place on own sides, facing out.
- 25-32 Reels of three on the sides, 1st and 2nd men pass right shoulders
to begin, 1st and 3rd women pass right shoulders to begin.
- 33-40 2nd, 1st, and 3rd couples dance 6 hands round and back.

1st couple repeat, having passed a couple.

Note: Presented to Susie Langdon Kass on the occasion of her 80th birthday, May 14, 2016. The first figure is a progression that Susie particularly enjoys and has used in dances of her own devising. Wild Geese is one of her favorite dances. The final 16 bars with its reel of 3 and circle could be considered a nod to "80." The title is an acknowledgment of the decades of volunteer time Susie has donated to promoting Scottish country dance.—TW

Music: "An Active Octogenarian" by Patti Cobb. "I wrote this tune to complement Tim's dance. When discussing the particulars of a dance to mark this occasion, Susie asserted, 'Just because I'm turning 80 doesn't mean it has to be a strathspey!' Hence the bouncy, jaunty feel and the title."—PC