Fairy Reel

This is a progressive long dance done in reel time. Two ladies and one gent in a line (set) with the gent in the middle. One line with their backs to the music and one line facing the music. Right foot directly in front of the left foot, with your weight on your left foot. Holding hands along the line, the dance starts as follows:

Bars Step

- 4 All Advance & Retire
- 4 All Advance, take hands in the ring, but only the gents Retire to form a circle
- 8 All Sidestep (7's and 3's) CCW (to R) & Home
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- 8 All Sidestep (7's and 3's) CW (to L) & Home
- Gent faces the lady on his right during last 2 bars (join right hands)
- All Sidestep (7's and 3's) to the lady's right & Home (lady on the left of the line also Sidesteps individually to her right). Gent faces the lady on his left during last 2 bars (join left hands)
- 8 All Sidestep (7's and 3's) to the lady's left & Home (lady on the right of the line also Sidesteps individually to her left)
- 4 Gents Link Right Arms and turn
- 4 Gents Link Left Arms and turn
- 8 Gents Give right hand to the lady on the right of the line and turn. Give left hand to the lady on the left of the line and turn. Give right hand to the lady on the right of the line and turn.

Diamonds and Squares

Ladies Sidestep (7's & 3's) four times in the shape of a square. The lady on the left of the line always dancing to the right, behind the other lady, makes a quarter turn CCW while dancing the 3's. The lady on the right of the line always dancing to the left, in front of the other lady, makes a quarter turn clockwise while dancing the 3's

Gents Sidestep (7's & 3's) to the Right, four times, in the shape of a diamond. Always dancing in front of the ladies, making a quarter turn CCW while dancing the 3's.

All continue to Home position

- All Take hands along the line. Gents raise right hand, lady on the left of the line goes under the arch and gent follows her under the arch. Gents raise left hand, lady on the right of the line goes under the arch and gent follows her under the arch. Gents raise right hand, lady on the left of the line goes under the arch & gent follows her under the arch.
- 4 All Advance & Retire
- 4 All Advance (release hands) & Pass through

Repeat until music stops

DVD Note:

Despite the confusion of the dancers, John's instruction is correct. Listen carefully.