

A Hollingshurst's Delight

3cpl Longways: 2s improper

Tune: 3x32 bar waltz. I use Ashokan Farewell (Folkus Pocus - Under No Illusion, Track 17)

I wrote this dance for Dan & Caroline Hollingshurst of Folkus Pocus. There is a beautiful recording of Ashokan Farewell on their CD 'Under no Illusion' which I had never listened to in full until I was on a dog walk one morning and I suddenly thought 'I should write a dance to this for Dan & Caroline!' By the time I got home about an hour later I had the dance written.

A1: 1-8 Full grimstock hey from the top

A2: 1-8 Ends full fig 8 thru middles [*cross at top, cast at bottom*]

B1: 1-8 2s turn contra corners [*ptnr R, 1st crnr L, ptnr R, 2nd crnr L. The corner turns are man/man, lady/lady, don't panic!*]

B2: 1-2 1s & 2s ½ **LH** star
3-4 1s & 3s ½ **RH** star
5-8 All 2HT ptnr

Progression: 2, 3i, 1

Teaching Points:

When the 1st & 2nd ladies have finished their corner turns, they can keep hold to go into the LH star, with the men join the star as the ladies finish the turn. I find this is often easier to demo than it is to explain! The transition from the grimstock into the fig 8 for the bottom couple is slightly awkward, I'm sorry!