

Willow Tree

Formation: Longways set for 8 couples

Music: 8 x 48 bars at 60 bars per minute

Bars	Steps
4	Top couple takes open two hand hold and slip steps to the bottom of the set and let's go of partner
4	Top Man now takes open two hand hold with bottom Woman and slip steps back to the top putting this Woman in top Women's place
4	Bottom Man takes open two hand hold with Top Woman and slip steps to the top fo the set and let's go.
4	Bottom Man now takes open two hand hold with his partner and slip steps back to the bottom – <i>Everyone back in original places</i>
16	Top and Bottom couples Strip the Willow from each end with the 3 couples nearest them, meeting in the centre and making a 4 hand arch. (<i>ideally the two Men end on the Women's side the Women on the Men's side</i>)
8	The new Top and Bottom couples cast off (<i>the other 2 couples nearest them follow</i>) and pass in through the sides of the arch and out their own end of the arch taking inside hands with partner to place – PROGRESSION
8	The middle 4 making the arch circle half way to the Left before swinging partners MEANWHILE All other couples swing partners (<i>This enables every couple to be in every position and dance with everyone</i>)

Repeat 7 more times, everyone now back in original starting places