

# The Toronto Volunteers

## Alternative lyrics to The British Grenadiers\*

We revel in the music; the way it lifts our feet  
Thank all the fine musicians who play a stirring beat  
But without the organizers, no music would we hear  
**Say: Thank you, *merci*, well done you! to Toronto's volunteers.**

There's always a warm welcome at every monthly dance  
Someone is selling tickets; come on and take a chance.  
Fundraising and accounting pays all the costs so dear  
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Come in out of the cold night; someone unlocked the door  
And when the party's over, they stayed to sweep the floor;  
They planned ahead for insurance; booked permits year to year,  
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It's an interesting programme, in a season full of fun.  
This has required some planning and research by someone.  
They searched the net for dances; watched YouTubes far and near.  
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We all need some assistance to count 3 beat pas de bas.  
Our allemandes and tournées are looking kind of raw.  
Successful workshops need a committee that can steer.  
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Not many clubs have people to tell you where to go.  
The marshalls and the briefers keep us all in a row;  
Decorating helpers hang banners and clan gear.  
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The bravest of the dancers have learned to teach a class.  
They show us all the figures; which shoulder we should pass.  
For all their skill and patience, let's give a great big cheer.  
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Let's thank the individual who bribes the weatherman.  
No rain for Dancing in the Park; we all can get a tan.  
Fun outreach to the public; we'll convert all who appear.  
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Lots of events and programmes to tempt us out the door  
Assembled in the Set & Link. On the website there are more.  
Read the briefs, click on the link, and now that dance is clear.  
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The jewel in the crown is the glittering Tartan Ball.  
Without hardworking volunteers, it couldn't happen at all.  
It's volunteers who fuel the fun for each event all year.  
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*\* A sincere thank you to each and every "someone", "them" and "they" who keep the branch ticking. . . Kathryn Bralten*

