

Amhuinnsuidhe Castle

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(Pronounced ave an soo ee)

32bar Strathspey for three couples in a four couple longwise set

- 1-4** 1st and 2nd couples set, with nearer hands joined, then 1st couple cast off to second place, while 2nd couple, giving nearer hands, dance up and cast into top place.
- 5-8** 1st couple turn 1-1/2 times with the left hand to face their first corners.
- 9-10** 1st couple set to first corners.
- 11-14** 1st couple pulling right shoulder back, cast through partner's 1st corner position, then curve to their right, 1st woman dancing up the set between the 3rd couple and 1st man dancing down the set between the 2nd couple.
- Meanwhile:** on bar 11, 2nd man and 3rd woman dance towards each other, on bar 12 they turn each other once round with the right hand, then dance back to 1st corner's position.
- 15-16** 1st couple turn once round with the right hand to face their second corners.
- 17-18** 1st couple set to second corners.
- 19-22** 1st couple pulling right shoulder back, cast through partner's 2nd corner position, then curve to their right, passing through second place on their own side on bar 22.
- Meanwhile:** on bar 19, 3rd man and 2nd woman dance towards each other, on bar 20, they turn each other once round with the right hand, then dance back to 2nd corner's position.
- 23-24** 1st couple, cross giving right hands to finish facing out in second place on the opposite sides of the set.
- 25-32** 2st, 1st and 3rd couples dance a reel of 3 on the opposite side, with 1st couple passing their first corners by the right shoulder to begin.

On bars 31-32, 1st woman crosses up to second place and 1st man crosses down to second place on their own sides, while 2nd and 3rd couples finish the reels.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

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Amhuinnsuidhe Castle, Isle of Harris, was built in 1867 by the Earl of Dunmore.