

London's Burning (Jig 4x32 but only 80 bars of music)

A Dance for four couples in a longways set

London 's Burning, London 's Burning
Fetch the engine, fetch the engine,
Fire! Fire!, Fire! Fire!,
Pour on water, pour on water.

This nursery rhyme is often sung as a 'round', which is the way this dance is written.

1-8 The couples in first, second and third place dance a reel of three on the sides, the couple in first place dance in and down, the couple in second place dance out and up, and the couple in third place dance in and up.

9-12 First couple cross right hand and cast one place, second couple step up.

13-16 First couple cross left hand and cast one place, third couple step up.

At this point a new first couple start dancing from bar 1, while the previous first couple continue with the last 16 bars.

17-24 The couples in first second and third place dance a reel of three on the sides, as in bars 1-8.

25-26 First and fourth couples face down and up and set.

27-28 First and fourth couples change places on the sides, the men changing left hand and the ladies changing right hand.

29-30 First and fourth couples set on the side.

31-32 First couple set.

Continue until the original first and fourth couples are back in place. The original first couple should dance the reel of three on the sides to enable the last dancing couple to finish, but should then stand still.



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