

I'm American

32 count, 4 wall, beginner level

Choreographer: Michael Diven (USA) July 2005

Choreographed to: American By God's Amazing

Grace by Luke Stricklin

Step, Cross, Step, Heel, Step & Cross, Step, Cross, Step, Heel, Step & Cross

- 1-2& Step right to the right side, cross step left behind right, side step right
3&4 Extend left heel forward at left angle, step left next to right, cross step right over left
5-6& Side step left to left side, cross step right behind left, step left to left side
7&8 Extend right heel forward at right angle, step right next to left foot, cross step left over right

Rock, Recover, Coaster Step, Step, ½ Pivot, Shuffle Forward

- 1-2 Rock forward on right foot, recover weight back to left foot
3&4 Right coaster step in place
5-6 Step forward on left foot, pivot ½ turn to the right (weight ends up on the right foot)
7&8 Left shuffle forward

Kick, Touch, Kick, Touch, Syncopated Vine, Touch, Pivot ¼ Right

- 1&2 Kick right foot forward, step back to center on right foot, touch left toe to left side
3&4 Kick left foot forward, step back to center on left foot, touch right toe to right side
5&6 Syncopated vine to left, stepping right behind left, left to left side, crosstep right in front of left
7-8 Touch left toe to left side with a slight rock, recover weight back to right foot with ¼ pivot right (weight ends up on the right foot)

Step, Kick, Step, Touch, Pivot ½ Turn, Kick, Step, Touch, Pivot ½ Turn, Quick Step x2

- 1 Step forward on left foot
2&3 Kick right foot forward, step right next to left foot, touch left toe back
4 Pivot ½ turn to the left (weight ends up on the left foot)
5&6 Kick right foot forward, step right next to left foot, touch left toe back
7 Pivot ½ turn to the left (weight ends up on the left foot)
&8 Step forward on the right foot, step forward on the left foot

Repeat Dance again.....

GOD Bless Our Troops!!!

This song is a reminder to all of us that there are many things worse than what we experience in any given day. It is a soldier's interpretation of his experiences and what he viewed through his own eyes while in Iraq. It didn't take long for him to realize just how good the quality of life the average American has. Responding to the first question that he was asked when he emailed or called home, Luke Stricklin replied with a song.

Since his return home in March 2005, it is where all conversations lead. The responses he gives to the questions that people are asking him and the words in this song direct folks to the fact that being born American has advantages. These are advantages that were established through the many years and trials that this country has stood strong through.

This song tells the story of a compassionate young man, a Husband, a Soldier proud to have served with fellow Americans, in an effort to give others the hope that someday they will be free to enjoy the same liberties that we are free to enjoy daily.