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By My Side

32 count, 1 wall, beginner/intermediate
level contra dance

Choreographer: Sho Botham & Peter Metelnick
Choreographed to: I've Got This Feeling by The
Mavericks, I Can Love You Better by
The Dixie Chicks

Position: When dancing contra, start facing a gap

RIGHT FORWARD, ½ TURN LEFT & HITCH, COASTER STEP, STEP AND HOLD, SHUFFLE FORWARD

- 1-2 Step right forward, hitch left & pivot ½ turn left (now facing rear wall)
- 3&4 Coaster step left-right-left
- 5-6 Step right forward, hold
- 7&8 Shuffle forward left-right-left

ROCK FORWARD, RECOVER, ½ TURN RIGHT WITH SHUFFLE, ROCK STEP, RECOVER, ½ TURN LEFT WITH SHUFFLE

- 9-10 Rock forward right, recover on left

Alternative steps

- 9 Step right forward raising back heel
- 10 Lower left heel
- 11&12 Shuffle forward right-left-right making ½ turn to right
- 13-14 Rock forward left, recover on right

Alternative steps

- 13 Step left forward raising right heel
- 14 Lower right heel
- 15&16 Shuffle forward left-right-left making ½ turn to left

RIGHT FORWARD, ½ LEFT PIVOT, RIGHT FORWARD DIAGONAL ROCK & RECOVER, SHUFFLE IN PLACE, LEFT DIAGONAL ROCK & RECOVER

- 17-18 Step right forward, ½ turn pivot left (basketball turn)
- 19-20 Leading with the right shoulder, rock right diagonally forward (in contra line, you will be moving towards another dancer in the opposite line on your right), step in place left
- 21&22 Shuffle in place right-left-right
- 23-24 Leading with left shoulder, rock left diagonally forward, step in place right (reverse of counts 19, 20)

LONG STEP AND SLIDE DIAGONALLY BACK LEFT, COASTER STEP, STEP FORWARD, 2 BALL CHANGES

- 25-26 Long step diagonally back left, slide right towards left (weight remains on left)
- 27&28 Coaster step right-left-right
- 29-30 Step forward left, hold
- 31-32 Ball changes right left, right left traveling slightly forward

REPEAT