

Dark Island Waltz

48 count, intermediate level partner dance

Choreographer: Nigel Payne (July 2007)

Choreographed to: The Dark Island by Dave Sheriff

Man on ILOD facing LOD. Lady on OLOD facing RLOD. Right palm to right palm. Opposite footwork
12 count intro. Start just after bagpipes come in

PINWHEEL ½ TO THE RIGHT

- 1-3 MAN: Turn ¼ right stepping left, right, left
 LADY: Turn ¼ right stepping right, left, right
 Now on ILOD facing LOD
- 4-6 MAN: Turn ¼ right stepping right, left, right
 LADY: Turn ¼ right stepping left, right, left
 Now on OLOD facing RLOD

MAN: TURN ¼ RIGHT / LADY: TURN ¾ LEFT, BACK ROCK-RECOVER, TURN ¼

- As you make the next turn, take right hands over the lady's head
- 7-9 MAN: Turn ¼ right stepping left, right, left
 LADY: Turn ¾ left stepping right, left, right
 Now facing each other
- 10-12 MAN: Rock right back, recover on left, turn ¼ right and step right forward
 LADY: Rock left back, recover on right, turn ¼ left and step left forward
 Both now facing LOD. Pick up hands in Sweetheart. Man still on OLOD
 As you both rock-recover make it as if you bowing to each other

BOTH: BASIC FORWARD TWICE

- 13-15 MAN: Step left forward, step right together, step left in place
 LADY: Step right forward, step left together, step right in place
- 16-18 MAN: Step right forward, step left together, step right in place
 LADY: Step left forward, step right together, step left in place

MAN: VINE LEFT, BASIC FORWARD / LADY: FULL TURN RIGHT, BASIC FORWARD

- As lady rolls across man, release left hands and raise right and rejoin in Sweetheart
- 19-21 MAN: Step left to side, cross right behind left, step left to side
 LADY: Turn a full turn right stepping right, left, right
- 22-24 MAN: Step right forward, step left together, step right in place
 LADY: Step left forward, step right together, step left in place
 Man now on ILOD, lady on OLOD, both facing LOD, and in Sweetheart

ROCK-RECOVER WITH TURN ¼. TURN ½ INTO WINDOWS

- As you make TURN ¼ bring right hand over lady's head, ending cross hand hold, rights over lefts
- 25-27 MAN: Rock left forward, recover on right, turn ¼ right and step left together
 LADY: Rock right forward, recover on left, turn ¼ left and step right together
 As you make the turn ½ raise both hands above your heads and bring back down after turn.
 You are now in Windows
- 28-30 MAN: Turn ½ right stepping right, left, right
 LADY: Turn ½ left stepping left, right, left
 Man now on OLOD facing ILOD. Lady now on ILOD facing OLOD

MAN: TURN ¼ OUT OF WINDOWS, ROCK-RECOVER, TURN ½ / LADY: TURN 1 & ¼ OUT OF WINDOWS, ROCK-RECOVER, TURN ½

- Raise both hands on next turn and bring back down into Sweetheart
- 31-33 MAN: Turn ¼ left stepping left, right, left
 LADY: Turn 1 ¼ right stepping right, left, right
 Both facing RLOD man on OLOD, lady on ILOD
- On next turn bring right over lady's head into cross hand hold, rights over left
- 34-36 MAN: Rock right forward, recover on left, turn ½ right and step right forward
 LADY: Rock left forward, recover on right, turn ½ left and step left forward
 Both now facing LOD

BASICS FORWARD TWICE

- 37-39 MAN: Step left forward, step right together, step left in place
 LADY: Step right forward, step left together, step right in place
- 40-42 MAN: Step right forward, step left together, step right in place
 LADY: Step left forward, step right together, step left in place
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MAN: VINE LEFT, BASIC FORWARD / LADY: FULL TURN RIGHT, BASIC ½ RIGHT

Keep hold of hands on lady's full turn ending in Sweetheart.

Then release left hands as lady make her turn ½ right, ending palm to palm

43-45 MAN: Step left to side, cross right behind left, step left to side
 LADY: Turn a full turn right stepping right, left, right

Lady rolls in front of man.

Man now on ILOD, lady on OLOD. Both facing LOD

46-48 MAN: Step right forward, step left together, step right in place
 LADY: Turn ½ right stepping left, right, left
 Lady now facing RLOD

You will dance the dance 4 times. After the 4th time there will be a couple of counts left. Just bow to your partner for a nice ending

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