

THE BONNY WATER

(4 X 48 STRATHSPEY)

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Bars

- 1 - 4 All four couples dance a half turn and a twirl (i.e. half turn right hand, face the person you are turning, drop drop hands, pull RS back and curve out to place on the opposite side).
- 5 - 8 1st couple and 3rd couple dance a half figure of eight round the couple below.
- 9 - 16 1st couple with 2nd couple, 3rd couple with 4th couple dance a ladies chain to finish after the last turn with ladies passing left shoulder to face their own partner. Men finish in original places.
- 17 - 24 All dance reels of four on the diagonal to finish with the ladies curving to end beside their partners on the sidelines.
- 25 - 28 All set, all taking hands on the sidelines, then 1st couple with 2nd couple, 3rd couple with 4th couple petronella in tandem.
- 29 - 32 All set in 2s across the dance and cross right hand with the person opposite to finish in positions as at the end of bar 8.
- 33 - 34 1st couple cast off one place as 2nd couple cross up, giving right hands, to the top on their own sides.
- 35 - 36 1st couple cross down, giving right hands between 3rd couple, as 3rd couple cast up one place.
- 37 - 38 1st couple cast off behind 4th couple as 4th couple cross up, giving right hands, one place.
- 39 - 40 1st couple cross right hand.
- 41 - 48 2nd couple with 3rd couple, 4th couple with 1st couple dance a strathspey poussette.
Repeat with a new top couple.

Tune: Original

This strathspey was named after the river that runs through Bonnybridge in Stirlingshire, the home town of the deviser.