9. THE BONNIE WHITE ROSE

The title is taken from the poem "Hame Hame" by Alan Cunningham.

Strathspey - 3 couples - 32 bars.

Tune - "Rose among the Heather" played ABAB.

BARS

1st couple, giving right hands, cross over and cast off one place on wrong 1-4 sides.

(2nd couple move up on Bars 3-4).

- 1st man dances up between the 2nd couple and casts off to second place on 5-8 his own side, while 1st lady dances down between the 3rd couple and casts up to 2nd place on her own side.
- 1st man dances three hands round to the left with 3rd couple, after two steps 3rd man dances out to his partner's place, while 1st man turns 3rd lady with both hands to finish in second place on the men's side with 3rd lady in her partner's place.

1st lady dances similarly with the 2nd couple, after two steps she turns 2nd man with both hands to finish in second place on her own side and second couple finish on wrong sides in top place.

1st man dances three hands round with the 2nd couple, again moving to the 13-16 left, after two steps 2nd man dances out to his own side in top place, while 1st man turns 2nd lady with both hands so that she finishes in top place and he in second place on the ladies' side.

> 1st lady dances similarly with the 3rd couple, turning 3rd man with both hands and finishing in second place on the men's side, while 3rd couple finish in original places.

- Joining nearer hands 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples set on the sides, then, giving right hands to partners, they cross over to change places.
- 21-22 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples set again on the sides.
- 2nd and 3rd couples, giving right hands, cross back to own sides but remain 23-24 facing outwards.

1st couple turn right round by the right hand and finish in the centre of the dance facing down with right hands still joined.

25-32 "Reels of three on the sides with crossing"

(See the note at the end of the book).

1st couple lead down crossing over to third place on wrong sides, then cast up to second place. Giving right hands, they lead up crossing back to own sides in top place, then cast off to second place.

3rd couple cast up to second place, then giving right hands they lead up crossing over to top place on wrong sides. They cast off to second place, then giving right hands they lead down crossing back to original places.

2nd couple cast off to second place (allowing 3rd couple to pass in front) then giving right hands they lead down crossing over to third place

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on wrong sides. They cast up to second place (again allowing 3rd couple to pass in front), then giving right hands they lead up crossing back to own sides in top place.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Originally I called this dance "Rose among the Heather" then I found that Mr. Iain Boyd of New Zealand had composed a dance with this title, so I had to think of a new name for my dance, but, of course, the tune stays the same.

