

Inklings Romp

(v5 FINAL – 11/29/19)

An English Country Dance by Renée Camus ©May 19, 2018

Tune: *It Rains by Dogs and Cats*, by Dave Wiesler, 2015

Duple minor longways, proper

Intermediate-Advanced

ABB ad lib (AB=8 mm each)

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| A | 1-2 | 1s set Right and Left* |
| | 3-4 | 1s change places as follows: half walkaround (gypsy) Right-shoulder to pass each other, then turn single Left to opposite place (like an S shape). |
| | 5-6 | All face your corner and set to Right and Left. |
| | 7-8 | All circle Right halfway (3 counts) and turn single Right (cast out of the circle) (3 counts). (Finished progressed, 2s improper.) |
| B1 | 1-2 | All walkaround (gypsy) partner Right shoulder once around, then |
| | 3-4 | All walkaround neighbor Left shoulder. |
| | 5-8 | 2 nd diagonals (gents) start a Hey for 4 by passing Right-shoulder in the middle (1 st diagonals/ladies loop to start hey). Go slightly more than halfway (4 changes; gents just pass each other again) until you meet your partner (1s are below 2s). |
| B2 | 1-2 | All draw back into line (like a half pousette** CW: Gents moving forward; Ladies have to reverse momentum). End 1s above, improper (2s proper). |
| | 3-4 | All cloverleaf turn single (tops (1s) turning up, bottoms (2s) turning down) (6 counts) |
| | 5-6 | All 2 changes of Rights and Lefts (with hands, starting with partner across) |
| | 7-8 | All turn partner 2-hands to get proper (1s once around, 2s halfway (or 1½ if they're fast)) |

* This uses a triple setting step: Right-left-right-left-right, Left-right-left-right-left. It's similar to the setting step used in Round About Our Coal Fire (CDS Boston Centre version).

** The pousette is less than half because it flows out of the hey, so people are not in a perfect square when the pousette starts.

Renée wrote this dance for her two black and white kittens, affectionately called the Inklings, and their interactions with their new siblings. The setting step represents the kittens romping.

The name of the tune comes from how Dave's Russian colleague Lev Feigin said the well-known English expression.