

An International Language



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Forward

This book is dedicated in honor of the Vancouver USA Scottish Country Dancers twenty-fifth anniversary of their dinner dance in combination with the newly formed RSCDS Southwest Washington State Branch's first annual dinner dance.

The dances presented are devised by dancers who participated in one or both of the tours to Japan in 1991 and 2002, when our teacher was invited by the Intercultural Society of Japan to instruct school children while on an official Washington State cultural exchange.

The tunes are composed by the musicians who accompanied us. Our thanks go to all of the dancers and musicians for their creativity, hard work, and patience in compiling this book.

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Mishima Onsen

32 S 3C by Robert Stuart 5/28/92

Bars

- 01-08 1st C Cast one place (2nd C up on 1 & 2), cross L hand, cast Left around (Lady down, Man up) to face up & down the center, and cross L to face 1st corners.
- 08-16 Set to and Turn 1st corners, Set to and Turn 2nd corners.
- 1st C dance a figure-of-8 around 3rd Couple.
- 25-32 1st C dancing in and up to begin, dance mirror reels-of-three on the sides in 6 bars, cross R 7 & 8 to own side.Repeat from second place.

Music: The Committee Strathspey, Jan Tappan and "The Committee"

Mishima Onsen



Niji No Sato

32 J 3C by Robert Stuart 3/19/92

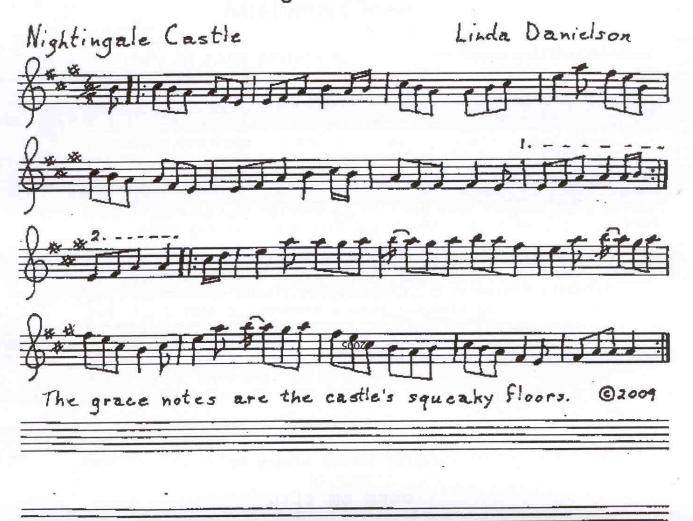
Bars

- 01-08 1st C Turn Right hand and Cast one place (2nd couple step up 3 & 4), 1st C Turn Left 1-1/4 to face first corners.
- 09-16 1st C dance Corner chain with 1st corners.
 - 1-2 1st C turn 1st corners R hand (corners face in middle)
 - 3-4 1st corners turn L hand (face 1st C in corner places)
 - 5-6 1st C turn 1st corners R hand (facing in the middle)
 - 7-8 1st C turn L hand to face 2nd corners.
- 17-24 1st C dance Corner chain with 2nd corners, 1st C on 7 & 8, L hand turn to end man up between 2nd C, lady down between 3rd C facing own side.
- 25-32 Left shoulder reel-of-three across the set in six bars, crossing L hand to own side.

Repeat from second place.

Music: Nightingale Castle, "... fresh for the occasion, includes corners and nightingale calls ..." by Linda Danielson

Niji No Sato



The Origami Crane

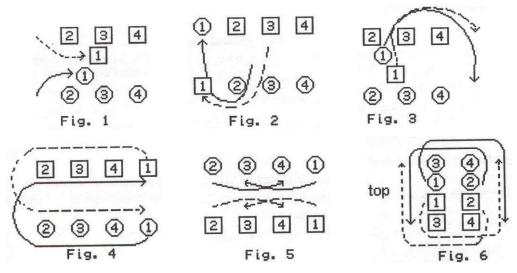
40 S 4C Set by Geri Stuart, Spring 1992

- 1-4 1st couple dance down the middle to form a diagonal line between 2nd man and 3rd lady, all facing down (Fig.1) and all set to 3rd man.
- 5-8 1st man followed by 1st lady cast out & up between 2nd & 3rd men, finishing in 1st place on opposite sides. (Fig.2)
- 9-16 1st couple dance down the middle to form a diagonal line by facing down toward the ladies side (between 2nd lady & 3rd man) and all set to 3rd lady. 1st couple cast, 1st man leading out & down between 2nd & 3rd ladies, to the bottom finishing on own sides. (Fig.3)
- 17-24 1st couple, (followed by 4th, 3rd, & 2nd couples who dance down sides) lead up the middle and down the middle separating 4th, 3rd, & 2nd couples.
- 25-32 1st couple, followed by 4th, 3rd, & 2nd couples, cast up to top, cross without giving hands (ladies cross in front of men) and dance down the opposite side. (Fig.4)
- 33-36 1st couple dances up the middle while 2nd couple dances down the middle, and pass by right shoulders, to end with 1st couple between 3rd couple all facing up and 2nd couple between 4th couple all facing down and all set across the dance. (Fig.5)
- 37-40 1st couple cast down behind the lines, while 2nd couple cast up behind the lines, & cross by right shoulders back to place on own side; WHILE 3rd & 4th couples turn by the right 1-1/2 times to end on own side. (Fig.6)

Repeat with new top couple.

This dance was devised in remembrance of the 1991 Japan Dancing Tour. It depicts the folding of a Japanese Origami crane.

Music: Miss Rosie's Favorite, Linda Danielson



Explanation

- 01-16 Making the diagonal folds, pressing them and repeating on the other side.
- 17-32 Making smaller folds, repeating and turning over the work.
- Folding and creating the head and tail while puffing out the body.

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The Origami Crane

Miss Rosie's Favorite

Linda Danielson

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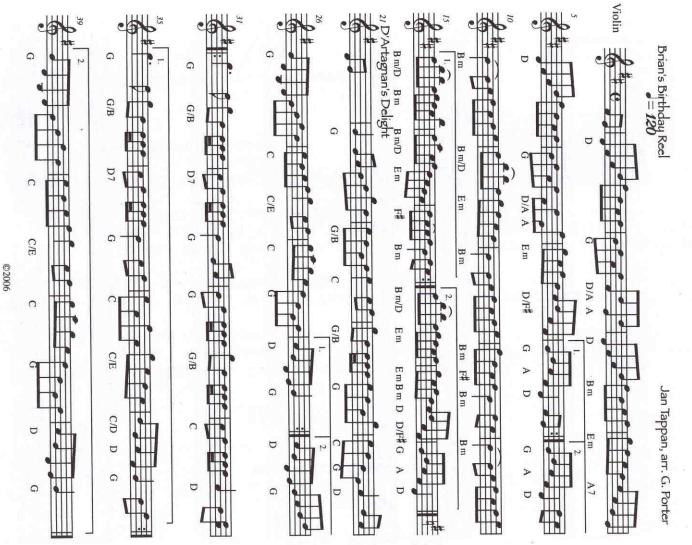
"I like to believe that my Rosie Cat, a red point Siamese-tabby, actually likes this tune."

Shabu Shabu

128 R 4C Square

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Bars		
01-08	Circle 8 hands around and back.	
09-16	Couples 1 & 3 dance Ladies Chain.	
17-24	Couples 2 & 4 dance Ladies Chain.	
25-32	All 4 men dance Right Hands across and Left Hands back, returning to own lady; retaining left hands in center.	
33-36	Balance with partner and advance anti-clockwise to next lady. (Ladies anticipate Balance) [Pattern: Balance for 2, Advance for 2].	
37-40	Repeat with next lady. [Balance & Advance]	
41-44	Repeat with next lady. [Balance & Advance]	
45-48	Repeat with next lady. [Balance & Advance]	
49-56	Promenade with partner anti-clockwise.	
57-64	Couples 1 & 3 Rights and Lefts.	
65-72	Couples 2 & 4 Rights and Lefts.	
73-80	All 4 ladies dance Left Hands across and Right Hands back; retaining right hands in center	
81-84	Balance with partner and advance clockwise to next man. (Men anticipate	
	Balance) [Pattern: Balance for 2, Advance for 2]	
85-88	Repeat with next man. [Balance & Advance]	
89-92	Repeat with next man. [Balance & Advance]	
93-96	Repeat with next man. [Balance & Advance]	
97-104	Promenade with partner clockwise.	
105-112	Couples 2 & 4 dance Men's Chain.	
113-120	Couples 1 & 3 dance Men's Chain.	
121-128	Circle 8 hands around to the Right and back.	
Written by Robert Stuart, 21 October, 1991		

Written by Robert Stuart, 21 October, 1991 Music: Brian's Birthday Reel, Jan Tappan



Shabu Shabu

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Shin Kobe Eki

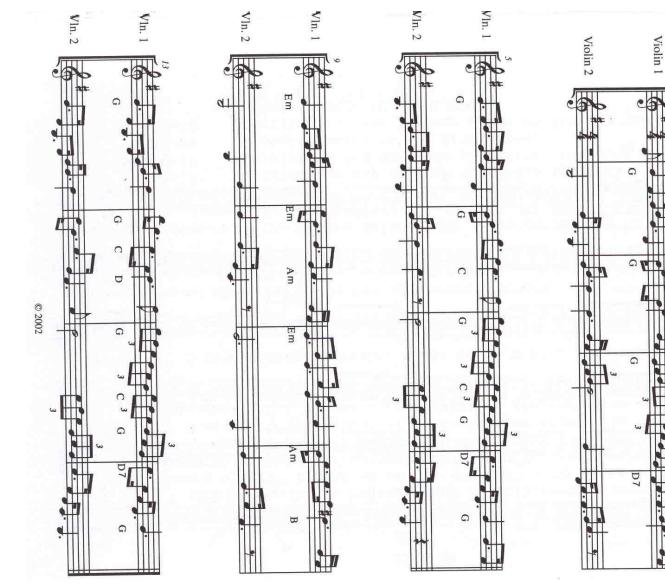
32 S 3C by Robert Stuart 5/28/92

Bars

- 01-04 Couples 1, 2, 3, Turn by the Right once round.
- 05-08 1st C cast one place cross Left and face up, 2nd C dance up on bars 5 & 6 and face down.
- 09-16 2nd & 1st couples Set and Turn by the Right once round then 1st & 3rd couples Set and Turn by the Left once round
- 17-24 1st Couple start facing up, dance Right shoulder Reels of three on opposite sides in 6 bars, and on bar 8 1st C crossing right (others dancing in), all end in center with Promenade hold.
- 25-32Finish with 3 couple Promenade.

Repeat from 2nd place.

Music: Lissa's Strathspey, Jan Tappan





Lissa's Strathspey

Jan Tappan, Arr. G. Porter

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The Shinkansen 32 R 3C

Bars

- 1-8 1st couple casting to begin, dance a 3/4 figure-of-8 around 2nd C ending with 2nd C step up on 5 & 6 for 1st C to cross L to second place.
- 9-16 1st M dances a left shoulder reel-of-three across the dance with 3rd, while 1st L dances a left shoulder reel-of-three across the dance with 2nd couple.
- 17-24 1st C facing down to begin, dance Grand Chain.
- 25-32 2nd C and 1st C dance Rights-and-Lefts,

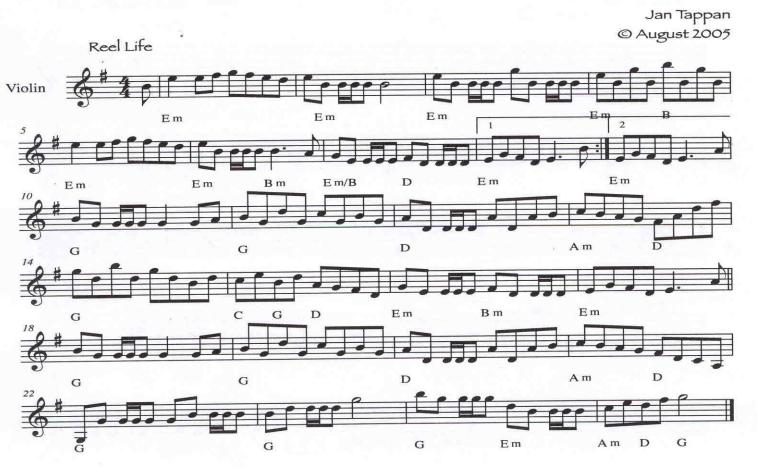
Repeat from 2nd place having passed a couple.

Music: Reel Life, Jan Tappan

By Robert Stuart on the Kodama Shinkansen, while on our way to Gifu and Ijira-mura, Japan. 21 October 1991

- 01-08 Finding our way through the train stations.
- 09-16 Dashing up and down the platforms, changing trains.
- 17-24 Changing seats on the Shinkansen.
- 25-32 Carrying all our luggage while walking to the next destination.

The Shinkansen



Tokyo Flyer 40 J 3C Set

Bars

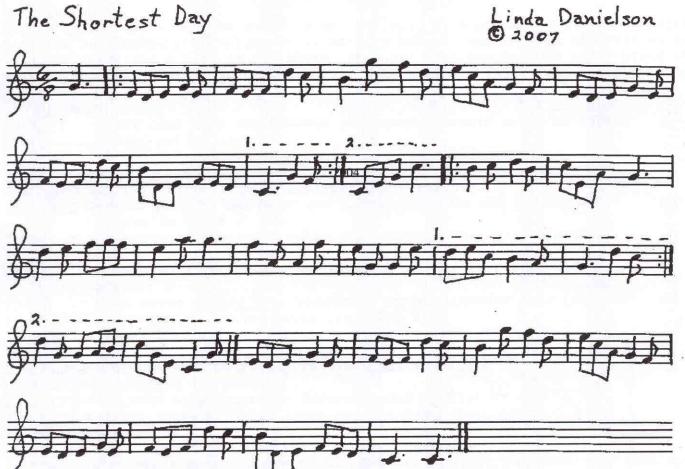
- 01-08 1st C cross R hand and cast 1 place (2nd C step up 3 & 4) cross L hand and cast 1 place (3rd C step up 7 & 8).
- 09-16 Circle 6 hands round and back.
- 17-24 1st C cross R hand and cast up 1 place, (3rd C step down 3 & 4), 1st C cross L hand and cast up 1 place, (2nd C step down 7 & 8).
- 25-32 Circle 6 hands round and back.
- 33-401st & 2nd C dance 2C Split Allemande. 1st C dance below 3rd C on 3 & 4while 3rd C steps up. Finish 2, 3, and 1.

New couple begins.

Music: The Shortest Day, Linda Danielson

By Robert Stuart, 21 October 1991, on the Kodama Shinkansen

Tokyo Flyer



Nihon De Waltz

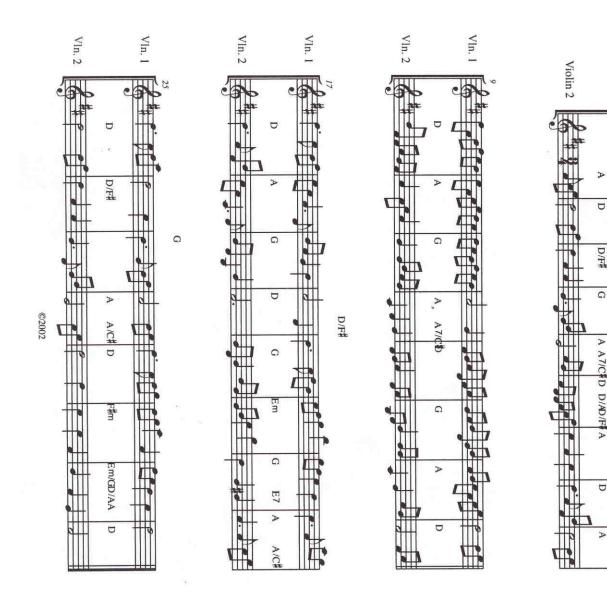
Double circle, men with backs to the center, facing their partners, who face them

Music: 32 bars; "Waltz for Stacey and Brian", Jan Tappan

- 01-02 All balance forward, right foot; balance back, left foot,
- 03-04 Change places with partners, passing right shoulders.
- 05-06 Balance forward and back,
- 07-08 Change places with partners, passing left shoulders.
- 09-10 Right hands joined with partners, balance forward and back,
- 11-12 Change places, lady going under her right arm.
- 13-14 Left hands joined with partners, balance forward left foot and back right foot,
- 15-16 Change back to place, lady going under her left arm.
- 17-20 In ballroom position, waltz turn opening to a single circle, ladies on right of men
- 21-24 All balance forward and back, men release partner and bring lady on left over to their right side as they balance back then forward.
- 25-28 Repeat bars 21-24.
- 29-32 Waltz turn with new partner into double circle ready to repeat the dance.

Note: Hand shakes were rare on our first trip to Japan, 1991; thus hands are not given in the first 8 bars of the dance. However, many changes had taken place by 2002. On our second trip children, as well as adults, shook hands with us, so the last 3/4 of the dance we give hands to our partners in a happy intercultural waltz of friendship.

Marge van Nus, July 2009





Jan Tappan, arr G. Porter

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Violin 1

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