West's Hornpipe
(Scotland)

West's Hornpipe is an old traditional Scottish country dance. A description of it appeared in a publication dated 1797.

RECORD: Don Bartlett & the Scotians Play Favorites, CSPS 1404 (TAC 002) Side A/4. 4/4 meter

FORMATION: Set of 4 cpls in longways formation*. Beg at the top, cpls are numbered from 1 to 4.

STEPS: Bow and curtsey*, skip change of step*, set*, Gates of Edinburg reels of 3*, move up*, slip step*. Skip change of step is used throughout unless noted (1 to a meas).

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MUSIC 4/4

PATTERN

Measures

Chord

INTRODUCTION  M bow and W curtset to ptr.

I. GATES OF EDINBURGH REEL

1-16 Cpl 1 cross the set and dance a Gates of Edinburgh reels of 3 with cpls 2 and 3. M 1 pass R shldr with W 3 and W 1 pass L shldr with M 3 to start the reel. Cpl 1 recross the set and dance another reel of 3. W pass in front of ptr to cross and all end in orig place.

II. DOWN THE CENTER AND BACK

17-20 Cpl 1 join R hands and dance down the ctr of the set, turning twd ptr on last step to face up the set.

21-24 Cpl 1 dance up the set and turn twd ptr on last step to face cpl 2 on a diagonal.

III. SET, DOWN THE CENTER, FOUR HANDS ROUND

25-26 Cpl 1 set to cpl 2.

27-28 Cpl 1 join nearer hands and dance to bottom of set while cpls 2, 3 and 4 move up. Release hands and turn twd ptr to face up the set.

29-32 Cpl 1 and 4 join hands and circle once CW with 8 slip steps.

Repeat the dance from the beg with cpls 2, 3 and 4 active in turn.

Chord  M bow and W curtsey to ptr.

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