

"SANTA CLAUS MARCH"
(Sweden)

An easy mixer dance arranged by Gene Fuller for a children's Christmas party. In Sweden the children join with their parents in the living room on Christmas Eve to await the arrival of Jule Tomten (Santa Claus). The slow march tempo of this old Swedish melody depicts Jule Tomten tramping up the front steps, across the porch and into the house where he leaves a bag of gifts.

RECORD: Harmony 68 - "Tomtarnas Vaktparad" (Santa Claus March).

POSITION: Open position, facing LOD, inside hands joined, boys on inside of circle.

FOOTWORK: Directions given for boys; girls do opposite.

Walking steps and side-close step.

Introduction -- 8 Counts.

Count

Dance Pattern

1 - 8

WALK, 2, 3, 4; SIDE, CLOSE, SIDE, SWING.

Walk forward in LOD (Line Of Direction) Left, Right, Left, Right.
Both turn to face partner and join both hands; step sideward L,
close R to L, step sideward L, swing R across in front of L.

9 -16

WALK, 2, 3, 4; SIDE, CLOSE, SIDE, SWING.

Drop R hand and face ReverseLOD. Repeat action described above,
moving in RLOD, starting with R foot.

* (An 8-count break occurs here AFTER doing entire dance FIVE times PLUS
the foregoing 16 counts. See NOTE below)

17-24

AROUND, 2, 3, 4; BACK, 2, 3, 4.

Hook R elbows and walk Clockwise (CW) around partner, L, R, L, R.
Turn to hook L elbows, walk CounterCW (CCW) around partner, L,R,L,R.

25-32

NEXT, 2, 3, 4; AROUND, 2, 3, 4.

Walk forward in LOD, L, R, L, R, to meet next girl and hook R
elbows. Walk CW around girl, L, R, L, R, and resume open position
ready to repeat dance.

* NOTE: During the 8-count break the dancers may sing out "Merry
Christmas" and resume original starting position.
Repeat entire dance (counts 1-32) three more times--
or, if the dancers are to meet Santa Claus or receive
gifts, follow the break with a promenade or march to
place designated, etc.

The record may also be used for regular Grand March figures.