

STATE OF GRACE

a 32-bar strathspey for three couples in a four-couple longwise set

- 1-8 1st and 2nd couples dance a poussette right round.
- 9-16 1st couple, giving nearer hands briefly, dance up and cast off one place; 2nd couple step up on bars 3-4. 1st couple dance in and down between 3rd couple and cast up behind them to finish back to back in the center facing first corners.
- 17-24 1st couple set to corners and partner. All clap on beat one of bar 23. 1st couple dance a petronella turn to finish in second place own side.
- 25-28 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples dance six hands round to the left for 3 bars, and on bar 28 all dance in and, releasing hands, pull back right shoulders to face out. Remain in the center.
- 29-32 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples dance away from the center on bar 29, then dance round clockwise to finish on own side.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Music: Full Fathom Five (Dave Wiesler)

Note: Written in memory of Polly Paterson who passed away on January 29, 2012. Polly was a loyal and enthusiastic member of the Berkeley class. She attended dances all over and served on the branch board. Her enjoyment of SCD was reflected in her ready smile and the encouragement she shared with all in her set. I've borrowed 8 bars from Adieu Mon Ami as a tribute to a friend and dancer who is sorely missed.

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