

# 15. WALTZING TO IOWA

A 32-bar Waltz for couples in a circle.  
Couples facing center of circle, nearer hands joined.

- 1 - 4           Waltz towards center of circle with nearer hands joined for two bars and retire for two bars.
- 5 - 8           Turn toward partner to face out of the circle and waltz away from center with nearer hands joined for two bars and retire for two bars. Finish facing partner.
- 9 - 12          Gypsy with partner, dancing around each other back to place, keeping eye contact but no hands joined.
- 13 - 16         Right hand turn with partner.
- 17 - 18         Retaining right hands with partner, link left hands with neighbor to form a large circle with men facing in and women facing out; everyone balances right and left.
- 19 - 20         Change places with neighbor using the left hand.
- 21 - 22         Retaining left hands with neighbor, link right hands with new person to form a large circle with men facing out and women facing in; everyone balances right and left.
- 23 - 24         Turn neighbor with left hand halfway, and face partner.
- 25 - 28         Dance back-to-back with partner, but you don't need to go all the way back to place.
- 29 - 32         Pass partner by the right shoulder; Turn new partner with two hands to face center of circle, nearer hands joined.

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Beginner level. Music: "Waltz Country Dance" or it can roughly fit into Greg Brown's "Iowa Waltz", which the dancers can sing along with. Dance written by Doug Schneider in 1993 and dedicated to Interstate Thirty-Five.

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