

Whiskey Jack

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Whiskey Jack is the name by which I know Canada's new official bird, aka the Gray Jay. I have a picture of one, on some trail in the North Shore mountains, perched on the toe of my hiking boot and waiting for me to relinquish some of my lunch.

The dance encourages connection to and cooperation with the entire longways set, which sounds like a good Canadian value to me.

Duple minor longways

Level of difficulty: Beginner

- A1 1 – 4 Double mad robin CCW, second corners through the middle first, continuing into ...
5 – 8 ½ poussette CCW, then take hands in long lines, including any dancers out at the ends
- A2 1 – 4 Long lines fall back, set in place
5 – 8 Come forward, then turn single right
- B1 1 – 4 On the right diagonal, right-hand turn (may be outside the subset)
5 – 8 Partner back-to-back
- B2 1 – 4 On the left diagonal, left-hand turn (may be outside the subset)
5 – 8 Partner left-shoulder gypsy.

Note that dancers out at the ends are drawn back into the dance after A1

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The musical score for "Whiskey Jack" is written in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 6/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a boxed letter 'A' and contains measures 1 through 4. The second staff, starting at measure 5, contains measures 5 through 8. The third staff, starting at measure 9, contains measures 9 through 12 and includes a boxed letter 'B'. The fourth staff, starting at measure 13, contains measures 13 through 16 and includes first and second endings for the final measure.

Chords and notation details:

- Staff 1 (Measures 1-4): Chords Em, G, D, B. Measure 4 contains a double sharp on the second line (F#).
- Staff 2 (Measures 5-8): Chords Em, D, B, Em. Measure 8 ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.
- Staff 3 (Measures 9-12): Chords E, A, D, G. Measure 9 starts with a double bar line and repeat dots.
- Staff 4 (Measures 13-16): Chords C, G, B, Em, Em. Measures 15 and 16 are grouped as first and second endings.