

Into the Bower

[3 couple USA, 6/8, G Major]

(Music 2023 [see below]; Dance 2023)

Video: https://youtu.be/rDTLU_pXFlw (Cis Hinkle is a good model for calling this dance)

Recorded music is available at

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XTbHadqHufSAhkfN-QL3_AWaAUpiu1jY

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Measures: (measure = 2 steps)

USA Dance

Refrain: 1st time: Up a double and back twice; 2nd time: Siding; 3rd time: Arming

Chorus:

A1(1-4) Middle couple crosses L; then woman up, man down

W2 W1

M1 W3

M3 M2

A1(5-8) Current middle cu leads up thru an arch made by the top cu
and casts back to place

A2 Middle couple crosses R; then woman *down*, man *up*

W2 M1

M3 W1

W3 M2

Current middle cu leads & casts

A3 Middle couple crosses L; then woman up, man down

W1 M1

W2 M2

M3 M3

Current middle cu leads & casts

B(1-4) Hands 6 circle L halfway

M3 W3

M2 W2

M1 W1

B(5-8) Top cu (3s) leads down to bottom under arches made by 1s & 2s
and casts to the middle

Note: The arches are the “bower” and fingertips need not touch. In fact, it is better if they don’t touch, thus allowing the dancers to pass through more elegantly.

Note: Partners get separated throughout each turn of the dance and only end up together again at the end of the turn for the start of the next turn. Hence it is best to call this dance positionally.

Note: If the third time thru the Bottom leads to the top, rather than Top leading down, then the couple leading up a double will rotate.

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♩ = 100

The musical score for "Into the Bower" is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of five staves of music, totaling 40 measures. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 100. Chords are indicated above the notes: G, C, D, Am, A, and G. The melody is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).