

Early Modern Group Dances

The Gay Gordon, set to "Ev'rybody Wants to Rule the World" by Tears for Fears

1. Participants stand in two concentric circles facing the same direction (A inside, B outside)
2. 4 steps forward, 4 back x2 (*call "forward 2, 3, 4 and back 2, 3, 4" TWICE*)
3. Jump shoulder to shoulder with partner and back (*call "Jump in, Jump out"*)
4. Trade places with partner (A now outside, B inside) (*call "Trade places with your partner"*)
5. Jump shoulder to shoulder with partner and back (*call "Jump in, Jump out"*)
6. A steps back to inner circle, B steps out and one person back (with new A partner that was behind them originally - because Slytherins are always looking for the bigger, better advantage) (*call "Get a new partner!"*)
7. REPEAT

The Bear Dance, set to "You've Got a Friend in Me" by Randy Newman

1. All stand in circle holding hands
2. 2 large steps R (*call "Big step, big step"*)
3. 2 small steps L (*call "Little step, little step"*)
4. 2 large steps R (*call "Big step, big step"*)
5. 1 small step L and kick for joy (*call "Little step, kick!"*)
6. REPEAT
7. Group leader eventually breaks from circle and leads all meandering around/through the rest of the group until all are humorously tangled up like badgers in a den

A simplified Chirenzula, set to "Weird Science" by Oingo Boingo

1. 2 lines facing same direction, partners roughly shoulder to shoulder
2. 4 steps forward and back x2 (*call "forward 2, 3, 4 and back 2, 3, 4" TWICE*)
3. 4 steps away from partner (*call "Turn away! 2, 3, 4"*)
4. 4 steps back to partner (*call "and back 2, 3, 4"*)
5. Double high five them (*call "High Five!"*) 1, 2 →
6. CHANGE DIRECTION (*call "Turn and go!"*) 3, 4
7. Repeat all steps
8. CHANGE BACK TO ORIGINAL DIRECTION
9. REPEAT ALL

The Maltese Brawl, set to "Roar" by Katy Perry

1. All stand in circle holding hands
2. 2 steps R, 2 steps L x2 (*call "Right, 2, 3, 4 and left, 2, 3, 4" TWICE*)
3. R shoulder in with "claws" up (*call "Claws in"*)
4. L shoulder in (*call "Claws in"*)
5. R shoulder in (*call "Claws in"*)
6. Clap 3x (*call "and clap, clap, clap"*)
7. R shoulder out (*call "Claws out"*)
8. L shoulder out (*call "Claws out"*)
9. R shoulder out (*call "Claws out"*)
10. Clap 3x (*call "and clap, clap, clap"*)
11. REPEAT ALL