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Yaller Ribbon

Jean and Doris Evans and I produced this dance on the way back from the Happy Square Dance Club Picnic at Bethlehem, Pa. While Biz dozed in the front seat, we wrestled for a long time with the old cavalry song "Round Her Neck She Wore a Yaller Ribbon" before we produced.

Round the square you promenade your partner
You give her to the third gent who takes her homeward bound

First gent delivers the first lady to the third gent and takes the third gent's place beside the third lady. The third gent takes the first lady home.

Then the third gent swings her in the center
He swings her in the center with six hands all around
Step right back (six hands around)
Step right up (and go to town)
And swing her for her partner who is fur, fur away

There being a slight mix-up in partners to date, there is no chorus figure, but the second couple now does the figure. Then we have the following.

Now everybody promenade the circle
Promenade the winter and the summer so I say
Now gents cross over and you swing your partner
Swing her for her lover who is fur, fur away
Step right back (and watch her smile)
Step right up (and swing her a while)
And swing her for her lover who is fur, fur away

Now throw in a chorus if you want to before the third gent starts on his way halfway around. After the gents have promenaded half-way around with their partners and abandoned them, then the ladies retaliate by promenading their partners only halfway around.