

Halfe Hannikin or Half Hannykin

Playford 1651, Sharp, 1916, modified

Recording: Halfe Hannikin, Unknown, YouTube (2:25) AAB 6/8

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Recording: Halfe Hannikin AAB

Single progression longways mixer, every other couple improper, starting with 1s
Count in Beats (steps)

A1 1-4 (8) Current opposites lead up a double and fall back.

A2 1-4 (8) Same again.

B 1-4 (8) Opposites swirly siding (Cecil Sharp style).

5-8 (8) Everybody turns their opposite two hands once around;
at the conclusion of the turn, all move one place clockwise,
going across the set when you reach top or bottom.

[Continues until the set is completely reversed, or back home, as preferred.]

Video: Halfe Hannikin <https://youtu.be/jIGdC8U1u1w?t=1m57s>

Playford DM Ed. 1-8, 1651-1690

Recording: Half Hannykin (clap) Unknown, YouTube (2:36) AABB

or Half Hannykin, Minstrosity, Songs of the Faire Folk (2:01) AABB

A1 1-4 (8) Lead up all a Double forward and back.

A2 1-4 (8) That again.

B1 1-4 (8) Side Right with your Partner.

B1 5-8 (8) Side Left with your Partner.

B2 1-4 (8) Turn your Partner once around to the left.

B2 5-8 (8) Then turn your Partner most of the way around to the right, the Men ending
above your normal positions, the Women below your normal positions,
the 1st Man and last Woman standing alone.

* The progression as described below.

Video: <https://youtu.be/7OSgEiybQEK>

*Note:

All the others take hands with their new Partners and repeat the dance, ending each verse
progressed clockwise up the Men's side and down the Women's side. When reaching
either end, you stand alone for one repeat, then come in on the other side, continuing until
all reach their original positions.

*On Sunday the 19th of January in 1623, after a performance
of Ben Jonson's masque Time Vindicated for the Court at Whitehall,
"The Prince [soon to be Charles II]
did lead the measures with the French Ambassador's wife...
the measures, braules, corrantos, and galliards, being ended,
the masquers, with the ladies, did daunce two countrey dances,
namely, The Soldier's Marche and Huff Hamukin."*