

We are Australian (3-stanza version)

COPPER KNOB
STEPSHEETS

Count: 64

Wall: 2

Level: Beginner

Choreographer: Mitzi Batu Hillis (AUS) - January 2024

Music: I am Australian (Live, 2000 - HQ Audio) - The Seekers



The order of this short version of the dance is: 1st Stanza, Tag:6 count, 2nd Stanza, Tag:2 count, 1st Chorus, Tag:2 count, 3rd Stanza, Tag:2 count, 2nd Chorus, 3rd Chorus, and then repeat Chorus Section C4.

Intro: 8 Count (from when guitar starts), Start on Vocals

STANZA (The 1st Stanza starts at 12:00 and ends at 6:00)

Section S1: Out-In, Step Drag, Out-In, Step Drag

- 1 - 2 Point R to R side, touch R beside L
- 3 - 4 Take a wide Step R to R, drag L towards R and touch beside R
- 5 - 6 Point L to L side, touch L beside R
- 7 - 8 Take a wide Step L to L, drag R towards L and touch beside L

Section S2: R Cross Rock, R Chassé, L Cross Rock, L Chassé

- 1 - 2 Cross rock R over L, Recover onto L
- 3 & 4 Step R to R side, Close L beside R, Step R to R side
- 5 - 6 Cross rock L over R, Recover onto R
- 7 & 8 Step L to L side, Close R beside L, Step L to L side

Section S3: (Repeat Section S2)

Section S4: Rocking Chair, Paddle ¼ L, Paddle ¼ L

- 1 - 2 Rock forward on R, recover on L
- 3 - 4 Rock back on R, recover on L
- 5 - 6 Step forward on R, putting weight on it and turn ¼ L
- 7 - 8 Step forward on R, putting weight on it and turn ¼ L

TAG: 6 count after the 1st Stanza only

- 1 - 2 Rock forward on R, recover on L
- 3 - 4 Rock back on R, recover on L
- 5 - 6 Rock forward on R, recover on L, and immediately repeat STANZA

Repeat STANZA (The 2nd Stanza starts at 6:00 and ends at 12:00)

TAG: 2 count after the 2nd Stanza

- 1 - 2 Sway R, Sway L

CHORUS

Section C1: Side, Together, Side, Touch and Clap above the head, Repeat to L

- 1 - 4 (At lyric word "one") Step R to R, Step L beside R, Step R to R, Touch L beside R and Clap
- 5 - 8 Step L to L, Step R beside L, Step L to L, Touch R beside L and Clap

Section C2: Walk Back 3 steps, Together, Run Forward

- 1 - 4 Walk back R-L-R, Step L beside R
- 5&6&7-8 (At lyric word "come") Run forward R-L-R-L-R, Step L beside R

Section C3: Side, Together, Side, Touch and Clap above the head, Repeat to L

- 1 - 4 (At lyric word "dream") Step R to R, Step L beside R, Step R to R, Touch L beside R and Clap
- 5 - 8 Step L to L, Step R beside L, Step L to L, Touch R beside L and Clap

Section C4: [Feet and arms movements at lyrics "I am, You are, We are Australian"]

- 1 - 2 Point R Diagonally forward while pointing both hands to chest, Step R beside L
- 3 - 4 Point L Diagonally forward while bringing both hands forward and open out, Step L beside R
- 5 - 8 Bring arms up gradually above the head while doing a 360 degree turn R-L-R-L on the spot

At the end of the 1st CHORUS

TAG: 2 count after the 1st Chorus only

- 1 - 2 Sway R, Sway L, and immediately repeat STANZA

Repeat STANZA (The 3rd Stanza starts at 12:00 and ends at 6:00)

TAG: 2 count after the 3rd Stanza

- 1 - 2 Sway R, Sway L

Repeat CHORUS (The 2nd Chorus starts at 6:00 and ends at 12:00)

During the last 4 counts of the 2nd Chorus, do a 180 degree turn (instead of a 360 degree turn) to face 12:00

- 5 - 8 Bring arms up gradually above the head while doing a 180 degree turn R-L-R-L on the spot

Repeat CHORUS (The 3rd Chorus starts and ends at 12:00)

Repeat CHORUS Section C4 only

At the end of first 4 counts, the word "are" (in "you are") is held for 2-3 counts.

The final 4 counts (starting with "we are") are sung at half speed.

PAUSE, 360 degree TURN, BOW

- 5 - 8 PAUSE (while "you are" is extended), Bring arms up gradually above the head (when the singing starts again with "we are") then do a 360 degree turn R-L-R-L on the spot and BOW with a flourish

(Bow at the last two syllables of the word "Australian")

Choreographer's notes:

(1) If you wish to dance as a one wall dance, replace the STANZA section S4 with two V steps (instead of Rocking Chair and Paddle turns), and end all CHORUSES with a 360 degree turn.

Alternative STANZA Section S4: V step, V step

- 1,2,3,4 Step R forward onto R diagonal (45 degree), Step L forward onto L diagonal (45 degree),
Step R back to centre, Step L beside R
- 5,6,7,8 Step R forward onto R diagonal (45 degree), Step L forward onto L diagonal (45 degree),
Step R back to centre, Step L beside R

(2) "The Seekers – I am Australian (Live, 2000 – HQ Audio)" version that I use for this dance only has 3 STANZAs as opposed to 5 in their original version of the song. If you wish to dance the longer version, please refer to my "We Are Australian – (5-stanza version)" step sheet.

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