

O Jingle Bells

This little circle mixer, sung to the familiar holiday tune seems to be widely used, especially among the younger set. Though danced mostly in schools and for children's parties when Santa is just around the corner, we have used it often for adult parties to "cool things off" in July. The most fun is when a tiny 'jingle' bell is worn on each wrist. It makes the singing come easier.

Formation: Single circle of couples all facing into the middle.

SONG AND ACTION

1. *"Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh,"*
All walk into the center 4 steps and back out 4
2. *"O'er the field we go, laughing all the way."*
Slide quickly to the L around the circle 8 slides
3. *"Bells on bobtail ring, making spirit bright"*
Everyone to the center and out again
4. *"What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight."*
All slide 8 to the R around the ring
5. *"Jingle bells! Jingle bells!"*
Facing partners, clap own hands 3 times in front
and 3 times in back
6. *"Jingle all the way"*
Clap own hands 4 times in front again, and on 5th clap,
strike both hands of partner
7. *"O, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh."*
Swing partner with a two-hand swing (or elbow hook)
ending facing corner behind. (back to partner)

REPEAT the chorus with the corner partner, this time ending the swing so that each boy has his new partner on his R side as they face the center.