

# Contra Dance: Petromorphosis

by Paul Morris

**Author's Note:** I wrote this dance in Wendy Graham's contra dance writing class at the 2017 Christmas Country Dance School in Berea, Kentucky where I grew up. I workshopped it a few times with friends then and called it at an evening dance back in the Spring (3/17/2018) at CDNY in New York, where I live now. It was well received.

Duple Improper

- A1 (4) Take hands and balance the ring  
(4) Gents allemande right 1/2 (technically 5/8) to trade places, keeping right hands connected, while ladies spin over right shoulder, slightly toward the side of the set and catch left hands with partner to form wavy lines across  
(4) Balance the wave (right then left)  
(4) Gents slide/spin to the right past each other to neighbor
- A2 (16) Neighbor balance and swing
- B1 (8) Ladies allemande right 1 1/2 to partner  
(8) Partner swing
- B2 (8) Circle left 3 places and pass through to new neighbor  
(8) New neighbor so-si-do

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*Paul Morris has been contra dancing for over two decades, from his home town of Berea, Kentucky, to New York City where he now hangs his hat. He has recently begun calling full evenings after calling guest spots for a number of years.*

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