

# English Country Dance: Waltzing with Gaye or Madame Fifer's Inauguration

by Beverly Francis

This dance was written in honor of Gaye Fifer's start as president of CDSS, April 2018. On discovering Joseph Pimentel's 3rd opus on the inauguration of a CDSS president, I renamed it Madame Fifer's Inauguration (following Mr. Hamilton's and Mr. Millstone's). The tune is "Waltzing with You" by Molly Mason, from *The Waltz Book II*.

## DUPLE IMPROPER

A1 1-4 Neighbors right hand turn once around  
5-8 Women cross right and loop left into each other's places (a serpentine move with generous curves)

A2 1-4 Partners (now on same side) left hand turn once around  
5-8 Men cross left and loop right into each other's places - serpentine (all progressed and crossed over)

B1 1-4 Circle left once around  
5-8 Partners two-hand turn once around

B2 1-4 1st man cast up, followed by partner, single file clockwise back home  
As 2nd man cast down, followed by partner, single file clockwise to home  
Step into a wavy line of four, take right hand with neighbor, women take left hands in the center: 1s face down, 2s face up

5-6 Balance forward and back in the line of four  
7 Drop hands and move forward to a new foursome  
8 Step right and acknowledge new neighbor

There is ample time for the serpentine crosses. After the women turn right hands with their neighbor, they may wish to stretch out their diagonal line a bit beyond their foursome before they start the serpentine. Same for the men after their left hand turn with their partner. The step right and acknowledge at the end of each round is just one bar, so it's brief. Its practical purpose is to keep dancers from starting the right hand turn too early.

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**WALTZING WITH YOU**

1992 Molly Mason

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of 12 staves of music. Chords are indicated above the notes: D, G, D, E7, A7, D, D7, G, G#dim, Bm, F#m, Em, D/F#, G, A7, D, D7, G, G#dim, D, Bm, A7, D.

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Molly Mason wrote this tune as part of the score for the award-winning independent film, *Brother's Keeper*. This tune was also published by Bob Pasquarello in his periodical *3/4 Times*, in Vol II, #1, May 1993. Molly's and Jay's music appears on numerous recordings. "Waltzing With You" is featured on their album, *Brother's Keeper*, on Angel Records. Molly Mason, POB 49, 131 Van Buskirk Road, Saugerties, NY 12477.