

# **THREAVE REEL**

8 x 32 bar Reel  
3 couple

Tune:- Helen's Reel (Pat Clark)

Bars	Description
1- 4	1st couple turn right hand once round and cast off one place. 2nd couple step up on bars 3-4.
5- 8	1st couple turn left hand once round and cast off one place. 3rd couple step up on bars 7-8.
9-16	2nd, 3rd and 1st couples dance a grand chain, to begin, 1st couple cross over at the bottom, 2nd couple face down and 3rd couple face up.
17-18	3rd and 1st couples set.
19-22	1st couple, with nearer hands joined, dance up to the top and cast off into 2nd place. 3rd couple step down on bars 21-22.
23-24	2nd and 1st couples set.
25-32	2nd and 1st couples dance Rights and Lefts.

Repeat having passed a couple.

Devised by Helen Brown.

*Threave Castle stands on the River Dee near Castle Douglas in Galloway, and was the haunt of Archibald the Grim, 3rd Earl of Douglas.*

*Visitors to the castle have to pass through a series of kissing gates before arriving at the moat which they have to cross by getting into a boat and being rowed across. All that remains of the castle is the square keep. (The dance commemorates a memorable family visit)*