

# Boughs of Holly

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**Formation:** Square set – 1s have their back to the band; 2s are facing the band; 3s are on 1s Right and 4s are facing 3s.

**Music:** Deck the Halls x 4

**Stepping:** Scottish travelling step

Bars	Steps	Song words – first verse
4 4	1s cross over, going under an arch made by 2s; separate and cast back to original places	<i>Deck the halls with boughs of Holly Fa la la la la, la la la la.</i>
4 4	3s cross over, going under an arch made by 4s; separate and cast back to original places	<i>'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.</i>
4 4	All Right hand turn your corner; Swing Partner in a ballroom hold	<i>Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la. la la la, la la la.</i>
4 4	Circle up 8 and all in 4 steps in and 4 out; Swing your corner and keep him	<i>Troll the ancient yule tide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la.</i>

Repeat with 2s crossing and then 4s;

Repeat with 1s crossing then then 3s;

Repeat once more with 2s crossing and then 4s – all should have their original partners.

See the blazing yule before us,      *Fa la la la la, la la la la.*  
 Strike the harp and join the chorus,      *Fa la la la la, la la la la.*  
 Follow me in merry measure,      *Fa la la. la la la, la la la.*  
 While I tell of yule tide treasure!      *Fa la la la la, la la la la.*

Fast, away the old year passes,      *Fa la la la la, la la la la.*  
 Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,      *Fa la la la la, la la la la.*  
 Sing we joyous all together,      *Fa la la. la la la, la la la.*  
 Heedless of the wind and weather,      *Fa la la la la, la la la la.*

Repeat first verse and chorus.