

# Optimist Blues

Count: 32

Wall: 2

Level: Improver

Choreographer: Tony Wilson (USA)

Music: Talking Optimist Blues - Neil Diamond



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## **SIDE, BEHIND, HEEL BALL CROSS, SIDE, ¼ TURN TOUCH, ¼ TURN SHUFFLE**

- 1-2 Right side right, left cross step behind right  
3&4 Right heel tap slightly forward, right step back, left cross step over right  
5-6 Right step to right, turn ¼ left and touch left toe next to right  
7&8 Shuffle ¼ turn left (left, right, left)
- 9-16 Repeat 1-8

## **ROCK, RECOVER, ½ TURN, SYNCOPATED LOCK STEP, WALK**

- 17-18 Right rock step forward, recover on left  
19-20 Turning ½ right on ball of left, step forward on right, hold  
&21 Left step forward, right lock behind left  
22 Left step forward  
23-24 Walk forward right, left

## **ROCK, FULL BACK TURN, BACK, HOOK, LOCK STEP**

- 25-26 Right rock step forward, left step back  
27 Turning ½ right on ball of left step forward on right  
28 Turning ½ right on ball of right step back on left  
29-30 Right step back, left hook across right leg  
31&32 Left step forward, right lock behind left, left step forward

## **REPEAT**

## **TAG**

Danced after walls 1, 3, 6, and 8

## **FORWARD, TOUCH, BACK, HOOK**

- 1-2 Right step forward, left toe touch behind right  
3-4 Left step back, right hook across left leg

## **ENDING:**

After the last tag, step forward right and hold

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