

Irish Washer Woman

As sung by
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* As he is recalling the dance calls of "Sandy Gobey"

First cou-ple out and cir-cle the mid-dle, shake your right foot and keep time with the fid-dle. The

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la-dy in the cen - ter, the gents — swing out, now join your ha - nds and cir - cle a - bout

Lyrics

First couple out and circle the middle,
Shake your right foot and keep time with the fiddle.
The lady in the center, the gents swing out,
Now join your hands and circle about.

(Continues for about two more stanzas, but is difficult to understand.)

Critical Commentary

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