

Jeg tenker så tidt (Norway)

This is a traditional song in reinlender time. The song dance is popular among Norwegian folk dance groups. I don't know who created the dance, but I would guess that it is from the 1970s. It does not appear in the usual books of descriptions.

Music: 2/4

Recordings: In Norway, the singing of the dancers would be the only music. For Americans, we can dance to recordings. One is *Jeg tenker så titt* on *Tone Hulbækmo's* album *Svevende Jord*. This has a couple of extra jazzy musical verses at the end, but you can continue to dance twice through to them. There is also a recording on *Loretta Kelley's* album *Amerikaspel*, which is fine, except that it is a bit fast.

Formation: Couples standing in a circle, W to M's right. You can start with the "heavy" hand hold, R over L, palms facing and thumbs near each other. Then face CW, put your own R hand at your waist, and extent a relaxed L arm fwd to the next person.

Steps: *Kvilesteg* ("rest" step): Step fwd on L (ct 1), step on R beside L (ct &), step fwd on L (ct 2), touch R beside L (ct &), step fwd on R (ct 3), touch L beside R (ct &).
Reinlender step: Step sideways on L (ct 1), step on R beside or behind L (&), step sideways on L (ct 2), lift (ct &). Repeats with opp ftwk.
Reinlender step-hop: Step fwd on L (ct 1), hop or lift (ct &). Repeats with opp ftwk.

Meas Movement

Basic kvilesteg

- 1-8 Dance fwd for 5 kvilesteg. There is one ct left at the end – step fwd on L, then step on R. During this ct, M turn to face ptr.
- 9 Take R thumb grip with ptr and dance one reinlender step to L, M moving twd ctr, W away from ctr.
- 10 Change to L thumb grip with ptr and dance one reinlender step to R, M moving away from ctr and W toward ctr.
- 11-12 Take R thumb grip over left, so you are holding with both hands. Do 4 reinlender step-hops once around CW with your partner. On the last step-hop, change to starting pos.

Jeg tenker så tidt på min bryllupsdag
tra di ra di rullan lei
Om den skal bli på en uværsdag
tra di ra di rullan lei.
Tra da di ru a ra, tra da di ru a ra
tra di ra di ra di ra di ru a ra.
Tra da di ru a ra, tra da di ru a ra
tra di ra di rullan lei.

Og hva skal jeg si når presten spør,
tra

Om jeg har hatt noen kjærester før,
tra

Å jo, jeg får si som sannheten er:
tra

At jeg har elsket noen og enhver,
tra

Translation:

*I think often of my wedding day,
tra
Whether it will be on a rainy day.
tra*

*And what will I say when the priest asks,
tra
Whether I've had lovers before,
tra*

*Well, yes, I'd better tell the truth:
tra
That I've had lots of lovers,
tra*

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