

Whiskeyjack

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Formation: Duple Minor Improper

Meter: 4/4 Key: Dm

Dance: Christine Robb, 2017

Tune: **Ichabod's Last Ride** by Jay Edmunds

- A1 (1-4) Partners set and change places while turning single right (as in Trip to Paris). End facing out.
- (5-8) Neighbours lead away and back
- A2 (1-4) Partners set and turn single right (in place)
- (5-8) Pass partner right and California Twirl with Neighbour (ending progressed and facing in on original side)
- B1 (1-4) Double Mad Robin, men passing in front of women to start
- (5-8) Hey for 4 across the set, men pass left shoulder to start (the figure runs across the phrase, finishing in B2)
- B2 (1-4) Complete the hey ending in progressed places
- (5-8) All turn partner 2 hands once around



Note on the title:

The Whiskeyjack is also known as the grey jay, or Canada jay. In 2016, an online poll and expert panel conducted by [Canadian Geographic](#) magazine selected the grey jay as the [national bird](#) of Canada, although the designation is not formally recognized. The dance was written during Canada's 150th anniversary celebrations in 2017.

Note on the tempo:

A bit slower than contra tempo.

Ichabod's Last Ride

From the "Whiskey Just After Breakfast" Tunebook

Jay Edmunds

The musical score is written in a single system with four staves. The key signature has one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 2/4. The music is in a minor key, indicated by the Dm chord at the beginning of each line. The melody is primarily eighth-note based, with some quarter notes and a final half-note cadence. Chord changes are indicated by letters above the staff. The first line contains measures 1-4 with chords Dm, C, Dm, F, Gm, Bb, Dm, and A7. The second line contains measures 5-8, with a first ending (marked '1.') and a second ending (marked '2.'). The third line contains measures 9-12 with chords Dm, G#+, Gm, A7, Dm, G#+, Gm, and A7. The fourth line contains measures 13-16, also with a first ending and second ending. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Dm C Dm F Gm B \flat Dm A7

Dm C Dm F Gm B \flat A7 Dm A7 Dm

Dm G \sharp Gm A7 Dm G \sharp Gm A7

Dm G \sharp Gm A7 Dm G \sharp Gm A7 Dm Gm A7 Dm