The Blade

**Choreographed by** Mark Simpkin (August 2022) ver. 1

**Music:** The Blade by Ronnie Dunn

**Dance Description:** 40 Counts, 2 Wall, Intermediate

**Intro:** Starts after 16 counts on vocals. Weight on Left

**3.30mins BPM 75**

**#Tag** at the end of wall 1 facing 6.00 add

1 2& Side Rock R to R side, Recover L, Step R beside L

3 4& Side Rock L to L side, Recover R, Step L beside R

**## Restart with a Tag.** Wall 5 after 32 counts facing 6.00 – add tag and then restart

1 2& Side Rock R to R side, Recover L, Step R beside L

3 4& Side Rock L to L side, Recover R, Step L beside R

**Step R to R side, Cross shuffle LRL, Ball step 1/4 L, Full Turn over L Triple Step R L R, Ball step, Back R sweep L, Step L back, 1/2 R fwd, 1/2 R Back sweep**

1 2&3 Large Step R to R side drag L, Cross L over R, Step R to R side, Cross L over R

&4 Step R beside L, Turn 1/4 L stepping L forward (9.00)

5 &6 Turn 1/2 L stepping R back, Turn 1/2 L stepping L forward, Step R forward

&7 Step L beside R, Step R back while sweeping L to L side,

8&1 Step L back, Turn 1/2 R stepping R fwd Turn 1/2 R stepping L back while sweeping R in an arc to R side (9.00)

**Step R behind L, L to L side, Cross R over L, Recover L, Turn 1/4 R stepping R fwd, 1/2 R, 1/2 R, L fwd, R fwd, 1/2 L pivot, 1/2 L, 1/2 L, R fwd**

2&3&4 Step R behind L, Step L to L side, Cross R over L, Recover L, Turn 1/4 R stepping forward on R (12.00)

&5 6 Turn 1/2 R stepping L back, Turn 1/2 R stepping R forward, Step L fwd, (12.00)

7&8& Step R fwd, 1/2 Pivot L, 1/2 turn L stepping R back, 1/2 turn L stepping L forward

1. Step R fwd (6.00)

**Recover L, 1/2 R Sailor step, 1/2 R ball step, L back coaster, Step R fwd, 1/2 R, 1/2 R with a 1/4 R sweeping L**

2 3&4 Recover L sweeping R starting the next turn, 1/2 turn R stepping R to R side, Step L to L side, Step R

 Fwd (1/2 turn sailor) (12.00)

&5 Turn 1/2 R stepping L tog, Step R back (1/2 ball step) (6.00)

6&7 Step L back, Step R beside L, Step L forward (coaster)

8&1 Step R forward, Turn 1/2 R over R stepping L back, Turn 1/2 R stepping R forward using momentum keep

 turning 1/4 R (wgt on R) (9.00)

**Cross L over R, R to R side, Recover L, R tog, L to L side, Recover to R Hitching L, L back coaster, 1/2 L, 1/2 L, 1/4 L stepping R to R side, ##**

2&3 Cross L over R, Step R to R side, Recover L (slightly travelling fwd) (9.00)

&4 5 Step R beside L, Step L to L side, Recover wgt to R Hitching L

6&7 Step Back L, Step R tog, Step Fwd L (L Coaster)

8&1 Turn 1/2 L stepping R back, Turn 1/2 L stepping L fwd, Turn 1/4 L stepping R to R side (6.00)##

**1/4 R stepping L back, Turn 1/2 R stepping R fwd, 1/2 Turning R Lock Shuffle L R L, R back coaster, 3/4 R spiral**

2 3 Turn 1/4 R stepping L back, Turn 1/2 R stepping R fwd, (3.00)

4&5 Turn 1/4 R step L to L, Turn 1/4 R Cross R over L, Step Back L (9.00) 6&7 Step R back, Step L beside L, Step R forward (R Coaster)

 8 Step fwd on L making a 3/4 R spiral (6.00)

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