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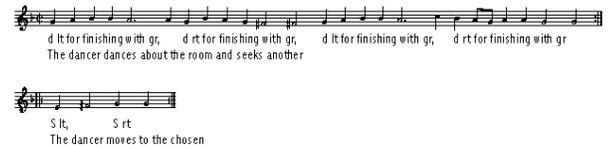
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2. Only the Men have candles. They all dance with lit candles, finding a partner during the Singles and dancing with them. When they separate, the Men give the Women the candles and the Women dance alone, finding a new partner during the Singles. Dance continues until music ends.
3. Only one Man has a candle and dances alone with it lit. He invites a Woman and they dance together, leaving the Man at the end of the hall. He hands her his lit candle and she dances alone, selecting a new partner during the Singles.

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