**The Lovers**

Choreographed by Dan Albro (3/9/2017)

**Description:** 64 count, Intermediate Level Partner Dance

**Music:** “THE FIGHTER” By: Keith Urban w/ Carrie Underwood

**Intro:** 32 counts, Start with vocals

**Start:** Single hand hold, men’s right, ladies left. Men’s footwork described, ladies opposite except where noted.

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1-8  WALK FWD 3 STEPS, TOUCH, STEP SIDE, TOUCH, ¼ TURN, TOUCH
1,2,3,4  Step fwd R, step fwd L, step fwd R, touch L next to R
5,6,7,8  Step side L, touch R next to L, turn ¼ right stepping fwd R, touch L next to R (facing OLOD)

**Hands:**  On count 8 join mans left with ladies right.

9-16  SIDE, TOGETHER, SIDE, TOUCH, SIDE, TOGETHER, SIDE, TOUCH
1,2,3,4  Step side L, step R next to L, step side L, touch R next to L
5,6,7,8  Step side R, step L next to R, step side R, touch L next to R

17-24  ROCK, REPLACE, LADIES UNDER ARM TURN, ROCK REPLACE, STEP FWD
1,2  Rock back on L, replace weight on R
3,4,5,6 MAN  Turn ¼ right stepping side L, hold, rock back R, replace weight fwd on L
7,8  Turn ½ left stepping back on R, hold (facing FLOD)
3,4,5,6 LADY  Turn ¼ left stepping fwd R, turn ½ left on ball of R, rock back on L, replace weight on R
7,8  Turn ½ right stepping on ball of L, hold

**Hands:**  On count 3 man bring ladies right over her head. On count 7 man releases ladies right at his right hip.

25-32  ROCK, REPLACE, STEP, HOLD, SIDE, TOGETHER, SIDE, HOLD
1,2,3,4  Rock back on L, replace weight on R, step fwd L, hold
5,6,7,8  Step side R, step L next to R, step side R, hold

**Hands:**  On count 1 man picks up ladies left with his right. On count 3 man picks up ladies right in his left and places his right behind ladies back. (closed social position)

33-40  WALK FWD 3 STEPS, HOLD, ANGLE FWD, HOLD, ¼ SIDE, TOUCH
1,2,3,4  Step fwd L, step fwd R, step angle fwd L, hold
5,6,7,8  Step fwd R (lining up right shoulders), hold, turn ¼ right stepping side L, touch R toe next to L

41-48  RUMBA BOX
1,2,3,4  Step side R, step L next to R, step fwd R, touch L toe next to R
5,6,7,8  Step side L, step R next to L, step back L, touch R toe next to L

49-56  SIDE, TOGETHER, ¼ TURN, HOLD, ROCK, REPLACE, ¼ TURN, HOLD
1,2,3,4  Step side R, step L next to R, turn ¼ right stepping fwd R, hold
5,6,7,8  Rock fwd L, replace weight on R, turn ½ left stepping side L, hold

**Hands:**  On count 3 man releases his right from ladies back. On count 7 man picks up ladies left in his right and releases her right.

57-64  TURN LADY 1 ¼ FLOD, BRUSH, STEP, LOCK, STEP, BRUSH
1,2,3,4 MAN  Turn ¼ left stepping fwd R, step fwd L, step fwd R, brush fwd L
5,6,7,8  Step fwd L, cross lock R behind L, step fwd L, brush fwd R
1,2,3 LADY  Turn ¼ right stepping fwd L, turn ½ right stepping back R, turn ½ right stepping fwd L,
4  Brush fwd R.
5,6,7,8  Step fwd R, cross lock L behind R, step fwd R, brush fwd L

**Hands:**  On count 1 man bring ladies left over her head, returning to starting position.