



## Goober Peas

Traditional (1866)

### Opener/Break/Closer:

All four Ladies Chain across – turn ‘em with a left around  
 Join up hands and Circle Left – move it right around  
 Ladies Center the Men Sashay – Circle Left again  
 Ladies Center the Men Sashay – Allemande Left and Weave  
 Peas, peas, peas, peas, eating goober peas  
 Swing the little girl around - Promenade her please  
 Peas, peas, peas, peas, eating goober peas  
 Goodness, how delicious, eating goober peas

### Figure:

Head two couples Promenade Halfway round you go  
 Lead to the Right then do a Dosado  
 Swing thru and then - the Boys Run to the Right  
 Bend the Line a Right & Left Thru – turn that girl tonight  
 Square Thru and go – be sure to count to four  
 Swing that corner lady – Promenade the floor  
 Peas, peas, peas, peas, eating goober peas  
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### History:

"Goober Peas" is a traditional folk song mostly known in the Southern United States. It was popular with Confederate soldiers during the American Civil War, and is still sung frequently in the South to this day. It is frequently covered by pop singer Elton John during live shows, though has yet to appear in any of his studio releases. It has also been sung by Burl Ives, Tennessee Ernie Ford and The Kingston Trio. The lyrics of "Goober Peas" are a fairly accurate description of daily life during the last few years of the Civil War for Southerners. After being cut off from the rail lines and their farm land, they had little to eat aside from boiled peanuts (or "goober peas") which often served as an emergency ration.

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