

Advice for the Men by Bruce Holmes

Guys, we have two possibilities. You're either in a relationship or you're not. If you're not, this is a no-brainer. Women like to dance. This really isn't dance, but it's got dance in the name and it's social and it's something they can do with men. The women will be there. Go where the women are.

If you *are* in a relationship, here's the letter your girl would like to send you:

Dearly Beloved,

As you know I tried square dancing last night. And I fell in love with it. I was grinning the entire time. It was just fun. The people were lovely. I had a great time. I want to keep doing it. I want to take lessons. But I don't want to do it without you.

This is a favor I'm asking of you. I know it's not something you're psyched about. But I actually believe you'd love it. First of all you have to get past the name. I know you have no desire to get out on a dance floor and flail about. I don't blame you. But this isn't dancing. There is no dancing in square dancing. I realize how odd that sounds. But it's just walking to music. What it is is problem solving. That's the part I think you'd like. It's almost like a team sport. It's a little like football, except without the concussions. You've got formations. You've got a team around you. You've got plays sent in by the caller. The challenge is, can you run your route successfully? You've got this square of 8 people and you're trying to do the calls and it's not that simple. You have to think. You'd be great at it. And it's coed. You like girls, right?



You know how you'd like me to get more exercise. Well, I checked at the end of the evening, and I'd walked several miles. This has got to be the most fun exercise program I've ever run across. You know how you keep saying we should both do more to stay active. Here it is.



I know this is a commitment. We'd have to take lessons. But we'd be learning something together. That sounds like fun to me. We'd have a regular date night where we'd get out of the house. I love our shows, but there's got to be more to life than watching television. You'll notice I even watch football with you on occasion. That's called doing something for the one you love.

I don't want to hear excuses. I want you to give this a try. You can come for free the first time to check it out. If you try it and hate it, you're off the hook.

Honey, I've done a lot of things for you over the years. Now it's payback time. I want you to do this for me. I want us to do this together. I want you by my side.

Your partner of many years