

Lord of the Dance

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I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
^{Am}
and I danced in the moon
^D
and the stars and the sun,
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and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth:
^{Am D7 C G}
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

^{G Em}
Dance, then, wherever you may be,
^{G Am D7}
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.
^{G C Em}
And I'll lead you all wherever you may
^{B7}
be,
^{Am D7 G C G}
and I'll lead you all in the dance said he.

I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen
for James and John,
they came with me
and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever ...

I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame,
the holy people said
it was a shame,
they whipped and they stripped
and they hung me high
and they left me there
on a Cross to die.

Dance, then, wherever ...

I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black,
it's hard to dance
with the world on your back,

they buried my body
and they thought I'd gone
but I am the dance
and I still go on.

Dance, then, wherever ...

They cut me down
and I leapt up high:
I am the life
that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you
if you live in me,
I am the Lord
of the dance, said he.

Dance, then, wherever ...