

Come, Life, Shaker Life

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Come, life Shak - er life! Come, life e - ter - nal!

Shake, shake out of me all that is car - nal. Fine

I'll take nim - ble steps, I'll be a Da - vid,

I'll show Mich - ael twice how he be - hav - ed! D.C.

Background Information

"Where and when this well-known Shaker song was written, no one knows. Apparently it came out of one of the western communes at an early period and was widely sung: though, strangely enough, it was included in only one of the hundreds of eastern hymnals which the author has examined. 'Come life' was a spirited dance, accompanied by shaking motions and ending abruptly."