

rit. A Tempo

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun.
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth;

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be.
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he!*

2. 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;

3. 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!

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance and I still go on!

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