

The Lord of the Dance

Children's Part

Words by Sydney Carter

To the Shaker Tune "Simple Gifts"
 Transcribed by Elizabeth F. Miller

With movement h = 80

Trumpet introduction 5 A Soloist sings verses (see below) 8

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13 Sing after each verse; Repeat ad lib. after final verse

Dance, then, where- ev er you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance,said he, And I'll

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lead you all where- ev er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance,said he.

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| <p>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."
 <i>Dance then, where ever you may be ...</i></p> | <p>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."
 <i>Dance, then, wherever you may be ...</i></p> |
| <p>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."
 <i>Dance, then, wherever you may be ...</i></p> | <p>5. "They cut me down and I lept up high;
 I am the light that'll never, never die.
 I'll live in you and you'll live in me;
 I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
 <i>Dance, then, wherever you may be ...</i></p> |
| <p>3. "I danced for the people and I cured the lame;
 The high and the mighty said it was a shame,
 They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;
 They left me there on a Cross to die."
 <i>Dance, then, wherever you may be ...</i></p> | |