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I danced in the morn-ing when the world was begun,

At Beth - le - hem I had my birth.

and I danced the moon and the stars... and the sun,

and I danced for the scribe... and the

and I came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth.

Phar - i - they would not dance and they would -n't fol - low me; I

38

danced for the fish-er-men, for James and Joha; they came to me and the Dance went

Dm C/F F Gm/B<sup>b</sup> Dm B<sup>b</sup>

48

lead you all in the Dance, said he.

Gm/B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>/F

41

on. Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the

F C Am/E C/F F F/A

52

I danced on the Sabbath I cured the lame, the ho-ly peo-ple

E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>2(no3) F(no3) E<sup>b</sup>(no3)7

45

Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all wher-ev-er you may be, and I'll

Gm/B<sup>b</sup> C Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup>m7 F/A F

56

said it was shame; they whipped and they stripped... and they hung me high; and they

C/F Dm Am/C B<sup>b</sup>m7 Dm

59

Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be; left me there on a cross to die.

Gm/B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C C/E F

71

I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black;

E<sup>b</sup>2 C sus F(no3) sub. mp

63

I am the Lord of the dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher-ev-er you may be, and I'll

F/A Gm/B<sup>b</sup> G/B Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup>m7 F/A F

75

it's hard to dance with the on your back;

E<sup>b</sup>(no3)7 C/F

67

lead you all in the Dance, said he.

C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F(no3) Dm2 F/A

79

bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone,

Gm/F Dm C/D Dm Am

83

but I am the Dance and I still go on

*mf*

Chords: Bbmaj7 C Am/C Gm/D Am/C Am7 Bb Gm7

94

live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Chords: Bm Em Am/C D Em C G G/B

87

They cut down and I leapt up high,

Chords: C/D Dsus G/G

97

Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be;

Chords: G/D G D D# F# C/E D# F# G

91

I am the one that - I'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you - if you

Chords: D/G D7 D Fm

100

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher -

Chords: G/B Am/C A/C# D Em G/D

103

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

Chords: Cmaj7 G/B G Am/C D Em C

113

he. I

Chords: G(m3) F/G G F G(m3) F G(m3)

106

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

Chords: D D# F# C/E D# F# G/B Am/C A/C# D

117

am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Chords: Am/C Cmaj7 D Em G(m3) F/G

*sub. mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

110

lead you wher - ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said

Chords: Em C/D Cmaj7 G/B G Am/C D Em C

121

Lord of the Dance!

Chords: G F C2(m3) G(m3)

*ff*