

# Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter, 1963

19th Century Shaker Tune

*Unison* G Em Bm Em Am

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I danced in the moon and the  
 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they would not dance and they  
 3. I danced on the sab - bath when I cured the lame, the ho - ly peo - ple  
 4. I danced on a Fri - day and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the  
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that - 'll

D7 G Em

stars and the sun, and I came down from heav - en and I  
 would not fol - low me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for  
 said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung  
 dev - il on your back; they bur - ied my bod - y and  
 nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

Bm Em Am D7 C *Refrain* G Bm

danced on the earth, At Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
 James and John; they came to me and the dance went on.  
 me high; and they left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher -  
 they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.  
 live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Em G Am D G C G D7 G

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

C D7 G C G

lead you all in the dance, said he.