

Lord of the Dance

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19th Century Shaker Tune

G Em Bm Em

I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun and I
I danced for the scribe — and the Phar - i - see but they
I danced on the sab - bath when I cured the lame, the
I danced on a Fri - day and the sky turned black; it's
They cut me down and I leapt up high,

Am D7

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun and I
would not dance and they would not fol - low me; I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; they whipped
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back; they
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll

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came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth at
danced for the fish - er - men for James and John; they came
and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
live in you if you'll live in me;

Am D7 C G

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
to me and the dance went on.
me there on the cross to die.
I am the dane and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

Bm Em

Dance, dance, where - ev - er you may be;

G Am D

I am the Lord of the Dance said he and I'll

G C G D7 G

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.