Lord of the Dance
For Medium Voice Solo and Piano Accompaniment

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19th Century Shaker Tune
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I danced in the morning when the world was begun,

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

and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

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 to me and the dance went on. 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.
I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,

holy people said it was a shame;

hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. And I'll lead you all wherever
ever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday and 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.

They

cut me down—and I leapt up high,

I am the life that’ll nev-er, nev-er die;

I’ll

live in you if you live in me;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said
Dance, then, wher-ever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I’ll lead you all wher-ever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he. Dance then, wher-

ev-er 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.

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