31. Lord of the Dance

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Melody adapted by SYDNEY CARTER from a traditional Shaker song, arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

Joyfully (\( \frac{3}{4} \))

Dance, dance, dance, then, wherein you may be:

1. I danced in the morning When the world was begun, And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun; And I came down from heaven And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun; And I danced on the earth, At Bethlehem I had my birth.

'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.

Dance, then, dance, then, I danced, I danced,
Dance, then, dance, then, a 2 dance, then,

Dance: 2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they...
They would not dance, nor follow me.
I danced for 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.
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Dance,’ said he, And I’ll lead you all, ‘And I’ll
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lead you all in the Dance, said he. Dance, dance, dance, dance,

lead you all in the Dance, said he. Dance, then, dance, then,

lead you all in the Dance, said he.

dance, then, wherever you may be: I danced, I cured the lame;

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3. I danced on the Sabbath And I cured the lame; The

I cured the lame;

The holy people said it was a shame. They buried me,

The holy people said it was a shame. They buried me,

The holy people said it was a shame. They buried my body And they

They said it was a shame.
They thought I'd gone—But I am the Dance, And I still go on.

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Dance,' said he, 'And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll
dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be: 4. I danced when the 

(TENORS and BASSES) mp unis.

4. I danced on a Fri-day When the 

sky turned black; It’s hard to dance. With the de-vil on your back. They 

whipped and they stripped And they hung me on high, And they left me there On a 

dim.

cross to die. ‘Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be: ‘Dance, then, dance, then, 

I am the Lord of the Dance,’ said he, I’m the Lord of the Dance,’ said he, ‘And I’ll lead you all, wher-
Poco a poco più animato

Dance, dance, dance, dance, dance, dance, dance, dance, dance, dance, dance,

Dance, then, dance, then, dance, then, dance, then, dance, then,

Tempo I

f cresc.

dance, dance, dance, dance, wher-ev-er you may be: 5. They

5. They

f cresc.

cut me down. And I leapt on high; I am the Life That'll

cut me down. And I leapt on high; 'I am the Life That'll

cut me down. And I leapt on high; 'I am the Life That'll
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I'll live in you. If you'll live in me; never, never die.

I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. 'Dance, then, wherever you may be,

I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. 'Dance, then, wherever you may be,

I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. 'Dance, then, dance, then,

I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. 'Dance, then, dance, then,

I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. 'And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be.

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