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Lord of the Dance

Unison G Em Bm Em

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

Am 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
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back; they
 I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll

G Em Bm Em

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

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 MUSIC: 19th cent. Shaker tune; adapt. by Sydney Carter, 1963;
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LORD OF THE DANCE
 Irr. with Refrain

Refrain

Am D7 C G G Bm

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came to me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher-
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Bm Em G

ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Am D G C

Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher -

G D7 G Am D7 G C G

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