

LORD OF THE DANCE

INTRO/INTERLUDE *Fast and lively* **VERSE**

Melody

Keyboard

G#m C#m A B7 E

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the
 2. I danced for the scribe ___ and the
 3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I
 4. I danced on a Fri-day when the
 5. They cut me ___ down ___ and I

G#m C#m F#m B7

1. world was be-gun, And I nced in the moon and the stars ___ and the sun,
 2. Phar - i - see, But they dance and they would-n't fol-low me;
 3. cured the ___ lame, The ___ ho - ly ___ peo - ple, they said it was a shame;
 4. sky turned ___ black; It's ___ hard to ___ dance with the dev-il on your back;
 5. leapt up ___ high, ___ life that - 'll nev-er, nev-er die,

E G#m C#m

1. And I came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth, ___ At
 2. I ___ danced for the fish-er- for James and for John; ___ They
 3. They ___ whipped and they stapped ___ and they hung me ___ high, And they
 4. They ___ bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd ___ gone, ___ But
 5. I'll ___ live in ___ you ___ if you'll live in ___ me; ___

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REFRAIN

A B7 E A E G#m C#m G#m C#m

1. Beth - le - hem I had my birth. "Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be.
 2. came with me and the dance went on.
 3. left me there on a cross to die.
 4. I am the dance and I still go on.
 5. "I am the Lord of the Dance," said

E A B7 E C#m G#m E7

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

A B7 E A D.C. Final E A E

lead you all in the Dance," Dance," said he.

1-4 C. Final