I Danced In The Morning

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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 would not dance and they would not follow Me; I danced for the fisher-men, for holy people said it was a shame; They whipped and they stripped and they 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.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they hung Me on high; And they left Me there on a Cross to die. "I am the Lord of the Dance," said He. "And I will lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance," said He.

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame. Its hard to dance with the devil on your back; They buried My body and they said it was a shame; They left Me on the Cross to die. "I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll dance on the earth, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance," said He.

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; Its James and John; They came with Me and the dance went on. "Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance," said He.

5. They cut Me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on. "I am the Lord of the Dance," said He. "And I will lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance," said He.