

LORD OF THE DANCE

Words and Music by Sydney Carter

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was young,
I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

CHORUS *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.*

- 2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen James and John –
They came with me and the dance went on.

CHORUS

- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame,
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die.

CHORUS

- 4 I danced on a Friday when the world 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.

CHORUS

- 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

CHORUS x 2

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.