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♩=105

1

G Bm Em G Am Bm

P

Like a minuet...

5

G Am Bm G C G

P

SA

TB

I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I

I Em C7 Bm Em Am Cma13 Am D

P

13

SA

TB

came down from hea-ven and I danced on the earth, at Beth - le - hem I had my birth.

G Em C7 Bm Em Am Bm D C G

P

17

SA Dance, then, wher - e - ver you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll

TB

P Bm Em G Am D

21

SA lead you all wher - e - ver you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he. 2. I

TB

P G Em Bm Am Am Bm D G C G

25

♩ = 95

SA danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, But they would not dance and they would not fol - low me; I

TB

P Gm E° Bm Em Am D

29 $\text{♩} = 100$ $\text{♩} = 110$

SA danced for the fish-er-man, for James and John; They came with me and the Dance went on. Dance, then, wher-

TB

P G Em Bm Em Am Bm D C G Bm

34

SA e-ver you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher-

TB

P Em G Am D G C

38

SA e-ver you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he. 3. I danced on the sab-bath when I

TB

P G Am Bm D G C G G Em

42

SA
cured the lame, The ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; They whipped and they stripped and they

TB

P
Bm Em Am D G

46

SA
hung me high; And they left me there on a Cross to die.

TB

P
Bm Em Am Bm D C G

This chorus is an instrumental-only interlude; choir resumes at measure 58.

49

Fl.
(Dance, then, wher - e - ver you may be. I am the Lord of the

P
Bm G Bm G
(Dance, then, wher - e - ver you may be.

53

Fl.
Lord of the Dance said He And I'll lead you all wher -

P
D C G
Lord of the Dance said He And I'll lead you all...)_

6 56

Fl. *e - ver you may be and I'll lead you all in the Dance said He.)*

Bm Am Bm D G C G

SA 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

TB

Gm E° Bm Em Am D

SA bur - ied my bo - dy and they thought I'd gone, But I am the Dance and I still go on.

TB

G Em C7 Bm Em Am Bm D C G

SA Dance, then, wher - e - ver you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll

TB

Bm Em G Am D

71

SA lead you all wher - e - ver you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he. 5. They

TB

P G Em G Am Bm G C G

75

SA cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll ne - ver, ne - ver die; I'll live in you if you'll

TB

P G Em Bm Em Am *molto rit.* *molto accel.* G Em

80

SA live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Dance, then, wher

TB

P Bm Em Am Bm C G Bm

$\text{♩} = 110$

8 84

SA
 e-ver you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher-

TB

P
 Em G Am D G Em

88

SA
 e - ver you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he... and I'll

TB

P
 G Am Bm D G C G

91 *fade & ritard...to end* *fade & ritard more...to end*

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

TB

P
 Am Bm D G C G, D7 Am Bm D G C G