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The Lord of the Dance

To the Shaker Tune "Simple Gifts"
Transcribed by Elizabeth F. Miller

With movement ♩ = 80

Trumpet Solo

TENOR BASS

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A

1."I

T. B.

danced in the morn-ing when the world was be- gun, And I danced in the moon and the
 danced for the scribe and the phar - i - see, But they would not dance and they
 danced for the peo - ple and I cured the lame; The high and the migh - ty
 danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the
 cut me down and I lept up high; I am the life that -'ll

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T. B.

stars and the sun, I came down from hea - ven and I
 woul - dn't fol - low me, I danced for the fish - er - men, for
 said it was a - shame, They whipped and they stripped and they
 de - vil on your back; They bur - ied my bo - dy and they
 ne - ver ne - ver die. I'll live in you and you'll

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T. B.

danced on the earth, At Beth - le - hem I had my birth."
 James and John, They came with me and the dance went on."
 hung me on high; They left me there on a Cross to die."
 thought I'd gone; But I am the dance and I still go on."
 live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.

B

* Descant is sung only after the final verse

Descant

Sing after each verse; Repeat ad lib. after final verse *I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll

S. A.

Dance, then, where - ev - er you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll

T. B.

Dance, then, where - ev - er you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll

Descant

lead you all where - ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

S. A.

lead you all where - ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

T. B.

lead you all where - ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he. 2."I

3."I
4."I
5."They