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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

*Dance, dance, wherever you may be
I am the lord of the dance, said he
And I lead you all, wherever you may be
And I lead you all in the dance, said he*

I danced for the scribes and the Pharisees
They wouldn't dance, they wouldn't follow me
I danced for the fishermen James and John
They came with me so the dance went on

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They ripped, they stripped, they hung me high
Left me there on the cross to die

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, they thought I was gone
But I am the dance, and the dance goes on

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

Prayer of Confession

Lord forgive us, when we are not obedient to your will; when we are reluctant to pray; when we think about what is untrue and unlovely; when we are deaf to your voice, and blind to the signs of your coming to us; when we live as if we are not expecting you. Lord forgive us and fill us with anticipation of your coming to reign. **Amen**

Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me, and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water: thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

Prayers of Intercession

For those with no hope, those filled with anxiety,
and those who cannot pray.

Lord, let them know you are near.

For those whose minds are twisted, those filled with hatred, and those who cannot love anyone.

Lord, let them know you are near.

For those who are deaf and blind, those filled with scepticism, those who cannot believe in you.

Lord, let them know you are near.

For those we are anxious about, but who in faith we lift to you in prayer...

Lord, let them know you are near. **Amen**

May the peace of God and the God of peace be with us all. Amen