

Suggested Revisions to Problematic Verses in Lord of the Dance

Troublesome Verses:

Verse 2 portrays Pharisees as categorically opposed to Jesus (contrary to the 1985 [Notes on the Correct Way to Present Jews and Judaism in Preaching and Teaching the Roman Catholic Church](#), III. Verse 3 says that it was “the holy people” who flogged and crucified Jesus because he healed on the Sabbath, thereby ignoring that crucifixion was a Roman form of execution and that Jesus was so executed as “king of the Jews,” a charge based on Jesus’ proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
But they wouldn’t dance and they wouldn’t follow me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
They joined the dance and the dance went on.

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 the cross to die

Suggested Revisions:

2. I danced for my people and cured all who came
I healed the blind and the leper and the lame
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
They joined the dance and the dance went on.

3. I danced for God’s kingdom which is over all,
But the Roman rulers said I broke their law
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high
And left me there on the cross to die.