

By The Shores

By the shores, by the shores, of the Red, Red Sea,
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The light of day lit up the night,
The children, they were free!

CHORUS: And Miriam took her timbrel out and all the women danced. (2X)

וַתִּקַּח מִרְיָם הַנְּבִיאָה ... אֶת־הַתֹּף בְּיָדָהּ וַתִּצְאֵן כָּל־הַנָּשִׁים אַחֲרֶיהָ

Va- ti-kach Miriam ha-n'vi-ah, et ha-tof b'ya-dah, va-tey-tzeh-na chol ha-nashim, ah-cha-reh-ha.

They danced, they danced, Oh, how they danced,
They danced the night away,
Clapped their hands and stamped their feet;
With voices loud they praised.
They danced with joy; they danced with grace,
They danced on nimble feet,
Kicked up their heels, threw back their heads,
Hypnotic with the beat..

CHORUS

They danced so hard, they danced so fast;
They danced with movement strong.
Laughed and cried, brought out alive,
They danced until the dawn.
Some carrying child, some baking bread,
Weeping as they prayed,
But when they heard the music start,
They put their pain away.

Enticed to sing, drawn to move,
Mesmerized by such emotion,
The men saw us reach out our hands,
Stretching across the ocean.
As they watched, and they clapped, they began to sway;
Drawn to ride the wave,
And all our brothers began to dance,
They dance with us today!

They danced, we dance, *Shekhinah* dance,
They danced the night away,
And all the people began to sing,
We're singing 'til this day!!

(Exodus 15:20 lyrics/music Rabbi G. Rayzel Raphael)