

## **Iron Maiden**

# **"Dance Of Death"**

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Let me tell you a story to chill the bones  
'Bout a thing that I saw  
One night wandering in the Everglades  
I'd one drink, but no more...

I was rambling, enjoying the bright moonlight  
Gazing up at the stars  
Not aware of a presence - so near to me  
Watching my every move...

Feeling scared, I fell to my knees  
As something rushed me from the trees  
Took me to an unholy place  
That is where I fell from grace...

Then they summoned me over to join in with them  
To the Dance of the Dead  
Into the circle of fire, I followed them  
Into the middle, I was led...

As if time had stopped still, I was numb with fear  
But still - I wanted to go  
And the blaze of the fire did no hurt upon me  
As I walked onto the coals...

Then I felt I was in a trance  
And my spirit was lifted from me  
And if only someone had the chance  
To witness what happened to me...

And I danced, and I pranced, and I sang with them  
All had death in their eyes  
Lifeless figures - they were undead, all of them  
They had ascended from Hell...

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As I danced with the dead, my free spirit was laughing

And howling down at me  
Below my undead body  
Just danced the circle of death

When the time came to reunite us both

My spirit came back down to me  
I didn't know if I was alive or dead  
As the others all joined in with me

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By luck - then - a skirmish started  
And took the attention away from me  
When they took their gaze from me  
Was the moment that I fled

I ran like Hell - faster than the wind  
But behind, I did not glance  
One thing that I did not dare  
Was to look just straight ahead

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When you know that your time has come around  
You know you'll be prepared for it  
Say your last goodbyes to everyone  
And drink - and say a prayer for it

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To this day, I guess I'll never know  
Just why they let me go  
But I'll never go dancing, no more  
'Till I dance with the dead...

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