

## Bishop Danced

Bruce Springsteen

Bishop danced with a thumbscrew woman  
Did a double-quick back flip and slid across the floor  
The Catholic traffic flowed freely across the river  
And fiddlestick fiddled quick out the front door

Oh, baby dumpling, mama's in the back tree  
If the bow breaks, mama might fall  
Little sad and only, baby don't be lonely  
Mama knows arithmetic, knows how to take a fall  
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And the children cried, "Flapjacks, make 'em fat, early in the mornin'g"

Little Jack, grab your hat, hear the breakfast call  
Muskrat, bat a cat, kick 'em in the fireplace  
Someone's in the kitchen blowing "Dinah" on their horn  
Someone's in the kitchen blowing "Dinah" like they're born

Well, maverick daddy got a one-eyed bride  
She glides like a monkey-mule kicking on the back slide  
Over hill, over hill, daddy don't you spill now  
Papa's got a switch stick, he's pumping little Bill  
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And Billy cries, "Tomahawk, tomahawk, daddy better duck now"  
Mohawk, Mohawk, they're still out there in the woods  
Monatuk, Ocanuk, running through my dreams now  
With fire on their fingertips and engine screams  
Fire on their fingertips and feathers made of moonbeams

And early in the morning the cannoneer cried  
"I seen the sailor's warning in the western sky"  
Oh, mountain man, if you can, cut me down a fir tree  
With branches full of candlesticks for baby and me

And baby cries, "Duke, Duke, the weathervane, she's pointing the way to heaven"  
Scatterbrains, scatterbrains, watch out where you fall  
Champagne, champagne, a round for all the old choir boys  
Jumping off the altar chasing Dinah through the hall  
They're jumping off the altar chasing Dinah through the hall

And like kids they're crying, "Flapjacks, make 'em fat, early in the morning"  
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Someone in the kitchen 's blowing "Dinah" on their horn  
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