He's Alive

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The gates and doors were barred
And all the windows fastened down
I spent the night in sleeplessness
And rose at every sound
Half in hopeless sorrow
And half in fear the day
Would find the soldiers
Breakin' through to drag us all away

And just before the sunrise
I heard something at the wall
The gate began to rattle
And a voice began to call
I hurried to the window
And looked down into the street
Expecting swords and torches
And the sounds of soldier's feet

There was no one there but Mary
So I went down to let her in
John stood there beside me
As she'd told us where she'd been
She said, They moved Him in the night
And none of us knows where
The stone's been rolled away
And now His body isn't there

We both ran t'ward the garden
Then John ran on ahead
We found the stone and empty tomb
Just the way that Mary said
But the winding sheet
They wrapped Him in
Was just an empty shell
And who or where they'd taken Him
Was more than I could tell

Well, something strange
Had happened there
But just what I didn't know
John believed a miracle
But I just turned to go
Circumstance and speculation
Couldn't lift me very high
'Cause I'd seen them crucify Him
Then I saw Him die

Back inside the house again
The guilt and anguish came
Everything I'd promised Him
Just added to my shame
When at last it came to choices
I denied I knew His name
And even if He was alive
It wouldn't be the same

But suddenly the air was filled

With a strange and sweet perfume
Light that came from everywhere
Drove shadows from the room
Jesus stood before me
With His arms held open wide
And I fell down on my knees
And just clung to Him and cried

He raised me to my feet
And as I looked into His eyes
Love was shining out from Him
Like sunlight in the skies
Guilt in my confusion
Disappeared in sweet release
And every fear I'd ever had
Just melted into peace

He's alive! He's alive
He's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide
He's alive, He's alive
Oh He's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide
He's alive, He's alive
Hallelujah He's alive