

# Bishop Dance

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  
Baby dumpling, mama's in the back tree  
If the bough breaks mama might fall  
Little sad and only, baby don't be lonely  
Mama knows 'rithmetic, knows how to take a fall  
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And the kids are crying  
Flapjacks, make'em fat, early in the morning  
Little Jack, grab your hat  
hear the breakfast call  
Muskrat, bad old cat, kick him in the fireplace  
There's someone in the kitchen blowing Dinah on their  
horn  
There's someone in the kitchen blowing Dinah like they're  
born

Maverick Daddy got one-night prize  
The glides like a monkey-mule kickin' on the backslide  
Over hill, over hill, Daddy don't you spill now  
Papa got a switch-stick, he's pumping little Bill  
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And Bill, he's crying  
Tomahawk, tomahawk, Daddy better duck out  
The Mohawks, the Mohawks, they're still out there in the woods  
Molatar, Okenah, running through my dreams now

With fire on their fingertips and injun's screams  
Fire on their fingertips and feathers made of moonbeams  
Early in the morning the cannoneer cried  
I seem the sailor's warning in the western sky  
Oh mountain man, if you can, cut me down a fir tree  
Branches full of candlesticks for baby and me  
And my darling cried, she said, Honey, the weather vane  
lately it's been pointin' the way to heaven  
Scatterbrains, Scatterbrains, watch out where you fall Champagne, champagne,  
a round for all the old choirboys  
They're bustin' off the altar chasing  
Dinah through the hall  
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