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Shaking Morality

In Celo the Shakers are dancing
On their graves. Dying, I see,
Hasn't stopped their desire for perfection.

They're dancing for God, the Shakers say,
As He would want them to. They're singing,
The Shakers say, for Jesus.

If singing and dancing would open
The gates of heaven, then I believe,
Listening to them sing and seeing

Them dance, Saint Peter himself
Would bend an ear, lean down and say
Come on, we're ready for you.

Dancing and singing, the Shakers would rise
Into Heaven on a great round table
Of their design and make.

They'd turn the world over and roll it
Into Heaven with them. In that work,
Hearts, hands, and God would rest easy.

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