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Dance!

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Dance! . . .

Dance—whirl—spin in the sun—
Skip to the slap of the hands—dance!
Strut—prance—jog to the chant—
Arch to the light by the pipes' strain!

Stutter-stamping-steps—
Slapping-clap-of-hands—
Rapping rhythms rising to a frenzied whirl,
To a mad red crest of a great free flame!
(Burn to a glittering sprinkle of ash
the droning death-dull night-bleak wall!)

Rise—stretch—reach to the sky—
Strain like a taut ringing string—sing!
Stamp—clap—swirl as they chant—
Spin to an ecstasy crest—

Dance!

. . . Pete Cooper