

# Dolly Parton, He's Alive

(Don Francisco)

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 hope of 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  
Looked down into the street  
Expecting swords and torches  
And the sound of soldiers' feet

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

We both ran towards 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 how or where they'd taken Him  
Was more than I could tell

Oh something strange had happened there  
Just what I did not 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  
And Jesus stood before me  
With His arms held open wide  
And I fell down on my knees  
And I just clung to Him and cried

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

He's alive yes He's alive  
Yes He's alive and I'm forgiven  
Heaven's gates are open wide  
He's alive yes 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  
He's alive and I'm forgiven  
Heaven's gates are open wide  
He's alive He's alive He's alive  
I believe it He's alive  
Sweet Jesus