

Tom Paine's Bones

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D A Bm G

5 D A Bm G

As I dreamed out one ev'nin by a ri-ver of dis-con - tent I

10 D D/C# Bm Bm/A G

bumped right in - to old Tom Paine as a ru-nning down the road he went

13 G D A Bm G

He said I can't stop right now my son King George is af - ter me, — He'll

18 D D/C# Bm Bm/A G G

have a rope_ a - round my throat and they'll hang me on the li - ber - ty tree

22 *Chorus* D A Bm G

And I will dance to Tom Paine's bones dance to Tom Paine's bones.

27 D D/C# Bm Bm/A G G

Dance in the old - est boots I own_ to the rhy - thm of Tom_ Paines bones And I will

31 D A Bm G

dance to Tom Paine's bones dance to Tom Paine's bones

35 D D/C# Bm Bm/A G

dance in the old - est boots I own_ to the rhy - thm of Tom_ Paines bones

39 D A Bm G
Vln. *V*

43 D D/C# Bm Bm/A G G
Vln. *V*

As I dreamed out one evening
 By a river of discontent
 I bumped right into old Tom Paine
 As a-running down the road he went
 He said, "I can't stop right now, my son,
 King Georgy's after me
 He'll have a rope around my throat
 And they'll hang me on the Liberty Tree"

*And I will dance to Tom Paine's bones
 Dance to Tom Paine's bones
 Dance in the oldest boots I own
 To the rhythm of Tom Paine's bones
 I will dance to Tom Paine's bones
 Dance to Tom Paine's bones
 Dance in the oldest boots I own
 To the rhythm of Tom Paine's bones*

He said I just spoke about freedom
 Justice for everyone
 Ever since the very first word I spoke
 I've been looking down the barrel of a gun
 Well they say I preached revolution
 Let me say in my defence
 All I did wherever I went
 Was to talk a lot of common sense"

And I will dance to Tom Paine's bones . . .

Well old Tom Paine he ran so fast
 He left me standing still
 And there I was, a piece of paper in my hand
 Standing at the top of the hill
 It said, "This is the Age Of Reason
 These are The Rights Of Man
 Kick off religion and monarchy"
 It was written there in Tom Paine's plan

And I will dance to Tom Paine's bones . . .

Old Tom Paine, there he lies
 Nobody laughs, nobody cries
 Where he's gone or how he fares
 Nobody knows and nobody cares

But I will dance to Tom Paine's bones . . .

And I will dance to Tom Paine's bones . . .

Thomas Paine (1736-1809)

Best remembered as the author of "Rights of Man" and "The Age of Reason", Paine was born in Norfolk in 1736 and spent part of his early life in Sussex. At the invitation of Benjamin Franklin, he migrated to America in the early 1770s and fought in the American Revolution, writing a series of pamphlets, "Crisis in America" & "Common Sense" which had a tremendous influence on the development of the Republic. He served in several governmental posts before going to France where he was elected to the National Assembly following the French Revolution. Like Thomas Muir, he opposed the execution of Louis XVI and was imprisoned for a year before returning to America where he died in 1809. It is rumoured that his remains were brought back to England but their whereabouts are now completely unknown.