**VERSE 1**
A long, long time ago
We must all remember
How the Reformation got its start
A boy to Hans and Margaret born
Was baptized on the following morn
The child of the Luthers was named Mart
Young Martin Luther got the call
When a lightning bolt caused him to fall
He sold his books for law school
And took up studying God’s rule
He entered the monastic life
In the peaceful Erfort countryside
And something touched him deep inside
The day he took those vows

**REFRAIN 1**
My, my this here Lutheran guy
May be famous, but he’s dangerous
And a thorn in our side
Them good old boys at the Vatican cried,
Saying, “Just recant or you will be tried”
He said, “Here I stand, I won’t be denied”

**VERSE 2**
He started on his quest with love
And the utmost faith in God above
He let the Bible be his guide
But he stood up to the monks who told
That works could save your mortal soul
And tried to teach, “By grace we’re justified”
Well he said John Tetzel was a crook
‘cause of the indulgences he took
Then late one Halloween night
He gave the Vatican a fright
He nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door
Never meant to start a holy war
But this is what he was called for
The day he took those vows

**REFRAIN 1**

**VERSE 3**
Archbishop Albert with the Pope
And Cardinal Cajetan all spoke
‘bout Martin Luther’s heresy
So they called him back to Rome to see
If a Diet of Worms could ever be
Enough to make him stop his blasphemy
He was ex-communicated then
By a jury of his former friends
The courtroom was adjourned
The verdict was returned
And while Martin left that day from Rome
To Castle Wartburg, his new home
He recalled the fervor he had known
The day he took those vows

**REFRAIN 1**

**VERSE 4 (VERSE 6 in the original song)**
He met a girl who’d been a nun
And escaped the convent on the run
Katharina Bora was her name
In Wittenberg as man and wife
Mart ‘n’ Katy started their new life
And pretty soon six new Lutherans came along
Now the printing press was all the rage
And Martin’s words were on each page
The Word was also spoken
For the rules had all been broken
And the three that he admired the most
The Father, Son and the Holy Ghost
Were praised with an angelic host
The day he took those vows

**REFRAIN 1**

**REFRAIN 2**
They were singing, My, my this here Lutheran guy
May be famous, but he’s dangerous
And a thorn in our side
Them good old boys at the Vatican cried,
He said, “Here I stand, I won’t be denied”