

# Down to the River to Pray

Traditional  
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The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 1-5) is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'As I went down to the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing ab-out that good ol' way. And who shall'. The second system (measures 6-11) starts with a measure rest, then changes to 2/4 time, then back to 4/4. The lyrics are: 'wear the star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way! Oh, sis-ters, let's go down,'. The third system (measures 12-17) is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'let's go down, come on down. Oh, sis-ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.' The score ends with a double bar line.

As I went down to the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing ab-out that good ol' way. And who shall

6 wear the star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way! Oh, sis-ters, let's go down,

12 let's go down, come on down. Oh, sis-ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, brothers, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, brothers, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
studying about that good ol' way.  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, fathers, let's go down,  
let's go down. Don't you wanna go down?  
Oh, fathers, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
studying about that good ol' way.  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, mothers, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, mothers, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
studying about that good ol' way.  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, sinners, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
Oh, sinners, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
studying about that good ol' way.  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord, show me the way.