

# Down to the River to Pray

Text und Musik: Trad. Gospel  
 Arrangement: Robert Natham  
 Helbling

With a strong rhythmic drive ♩ = ca. 76

Solo S  
*mf*

S  
 A

M

As I went down to the riv-er to pray stu-dy-in' a-bout a good old way and

3

who shall wear the star-ry crown. Oh Lord, show me the way.

Soli S/A  
*f*

Oh broth-ers, let's go down, let's go down, oh broth-ers, let's go down,

9

down to the riv-er to pray. As

*mp*

Pom \*) po - po pom po - po

\*) wie in „bomb“

12

I went down to the riv-er to pray stu-dy-in' a-bout the good old way and

pom po - po pom po - po pom - po pom po - po

14

who shall wear the robe and crown and lead me the way.

pom po - po pom po - po pom - po pom.

17

*mf*

Oh sis-ter, let's go down—  
Oh sis-ter, let's go down, let's go down, come on down, oh sis-ter let's go down,

*f*

Oh sis-ter, let's go down, let's go down, come on down, oh sis-ter, let's go down,

20

*mf*

down to the riv-er to pray. As I went down to the riv-er to pray

*mp*

down to the riv-er to pray. Pom pom pom po - po pom po - po

23

-in' a-bout the good old way and who shall wear the star - ry crown, oh

pom po - po pom po - po pom po - po pom po - po

25      bout                      the                      way.

Lord,    show me    the    way.                      Oh    sers,    let's    n,-

pom                      po                      pom.                      Oh,                      let's    go    down,

*f*                      *mf*

28      Let's    go    down,    come    on    down,                      let's    go    down

let's    go    down,    come    on    down,                      sers,    let's    go    down,-

—                      come    on    down,

*mf*

30      —                      to    pray

down    to    the    riv-er    to    pray.                      down,    come    on    down,    come    on

down    to    the    riv-er    to    pray.                      Come    down,    come    on    down,    come    on

*p*                      *p*

32      down    down    the    riv-er    to    pray,    come    down,    come    on    down,    come    on

down    down    the    riv-er    to    pray,    come    down,    come    on    down,    come    on

*pp*                      *pp*

34      down    down    the    riv-er    to    pray,    as    I    went

down    down    the    riv-er    to    pray,    as    I    went    down    to    the    riv-er    to    pray

*mp*                      *mf*

36 down to the riv-er to pray stu - - - dy-in' a-bout the good old  
 stu - dy-in' a-bout the good old way and who shall wear the robe and crown, oh Lord, show me the

39 way. *p* Oh, moth-ers, let's go down, come on, down,-  
 way. Oh, moth-ers, let's go down, let's go down, come on, down,

42 *pp* oh moth-ers, let's go down,- down, to the riv-er to pray.  
*pp* oh moth-ers, let's go down, down, to the riv-er to pray. *mf cresc.* Come on down, come on

45 come on down, come on down, come down to the riv-er to pray, come on down, come  
 down, come on down, come on down, come down to the riv-er to pray, come on down, come

48 to pray. *pp* As I went down to the riv-er to pray  
 down to pray. *p* *pp* As I went down to the riv-er to pray

51

stu-dy-in' a-bout the good old way and who shall wear the star - ry crown, oh

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53

Lord, show me the way. Oh sin - ners, let's go down, come on down,

Lord, show me the way. Sin - ners let's go down, come on down,

57

Oh sin - ners, let's go down, come on down, to the riv - er to pray. As

oh sin - ners let's go down, come on down, to the riv - er to pray.

60

much slow - er ca. 60% of the previous tempo

to the riv - er to pray stu - dy - in' a - bout the good old way and

62

who shall wear the star - ry crown, oh Lord, show me the way.

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