

Down in the River to Pray

Traditional
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Refrain 1

Solo *p*
freely
As I went down in the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old

**Sopranos
Altos** *pp*
Hmm... Hmm...

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

Hmm... Hmm... Hmm...

16 Verse 1 *p*
Tutti Sop
O sis - ters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

Tutti Altos *p*
O sis - ters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

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S
O sis - ters, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray. As

A
O sis - ters, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray. As

Refrain 2

32 *mp*

S1 I went down in the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old

S2 I went down in the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old

A *p*
Ooo... Ooo...

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S1 way, and who shall wear the star-ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

S2 way, and who shall wear the star-ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

A
Ooo... Ooo... Ooo...

Verse 2

48 *mf*

S1 O bro-thers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

S2 O bro-thers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

A *mf*
O bro-thers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

56

S1 Come on bro - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray. As

S2 Come on bro - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray. As

A Come on bro - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray. As

64 Refrain 3

S1 I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old way, and

S2 I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old way, and

A I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old way, and

72

S1 who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

S2 who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

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

80 Verse 3 *f*

S1 O fa - thers, let's go down, let's go down now, come on down.

S2 O fa - thers, let's go down, let's go down now, come on down.

A O fa - thers, let's go down, let's go down now, come on down.

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S1 O fa - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.

S2 O fa - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.

A O fa - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.

95 Refrain 4 *mp*

S1 Ooo... Ooo...

S2 *mf* As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old

A1 *mf* As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old

95 A2 *mf* As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old

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S1

Ooo... Good Lord, show me the way.

S2

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

A1

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

A2

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

Verse 4

112 *mf*

S1

O mo-thers, let's go down, let's go down, don't you want to come down?

S2

mf

O mo-thers, let's go down, let's go down, don't you want to come down?

A1

mf

O mo-thers, let's go down, let's go down, don't you want to come down?

A2

112 *mf*

O mo-thers, let's go down, let's go down, don't you want to come down?

120 *mp*

S1 Come on mo-thers, let's go down, go down in the ri-ver to pray. As

S2 Come on mo-thers, let's go down, go down in the ri-ver to pray. As

A1 Come on mo-thers, let's go down, go down in the ri-ver to pray.

A2 Come on mo-thers, let's go down, go down in the ri-ver to pray.

128 Refrain 5

S1 I went down in the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old

S2 I went down in the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old

A Ooo... Ooo...

135

S1 way, and who shall wear the star-ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

S2 way, and who shall wear the star-ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

A Ooo... Ooo... Ooo...

Verse 6 *a little slower*

144 *p*

S O sin - ners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

A O sin - ners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

152

S O sin - ners, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray. As

A O sin - ners, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.

Refrain 7 *slower*

160 *pp*

Unison I went down in the ri-ver to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way, and

168 *soft and slow*

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

Traduction :

Alors que je descendais à la rivière pour prier
En pensant à ce bon vieux chemin
Et à qui devrait porter la couronne étoilée
Seigneur, montre-moi le chemin
O mes sœurs descendons,
Allez descendons, allons en bas
O mes sœurs descendons,
Descendons à la rivière pour prier

Alors que je descendais à la rivière pour prier
En pensant à ce bon vieux chemin
Et à qui devrait porter la robe et le couronne
Seigneur, montre-moi le chemin
O mes frères descendons,
Allez descendons, allons en bas
Venez mes frères allons en bas
Descendons à la rivière pour prier

Alors que je descendais à la rivière pour prier
En pensant à ce bon vieux chemin
Et à qui devrait porter la couronne étoilée
Seigneur, montre-moi le chemin
O mes pères descendons,
Allez descendons, allons en bas
O mes pères descendons,
Descendons à la rivière pour prier

Alors que je descendais à la rivière pour prier
En pensant à ce bon vieux chemin
Et à qui devrait porter la robe et le couronne
Seigneur, montre-moi le chemin
O mes mères descendons,
Allez descendons, allons en bas
Venez mes mères allons en bas
Descendons à la rivière pour prier

Alors que je descendais à la rivière pour prier
En pensant à ce bon vieux chemin
Et à qui devrait porter la couronne étoilée
Seigneur, montre-moi le chemin
O mes pêcheurs descendons,
Allez descendons, allons en bas
O mes pêcheurs descendons,
Descendons à la rivière pour prier

Alors que je descendais à la rivière pour prier
En pensant à ce bon vieux chemin
Et à qui devrait porter la robe et le couronne
Seigneur, montre-moi le chemin