

Down in the River to Pray

Refrain 1

Traditional
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Solo 

Sopranos Altos 

As I went down in the river to pray, study-ing a - bout that good old
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 

O sis - ters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sis - ters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

24 

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

Refrain 2

32

S1 *mp*

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

S2 *mp*

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

A *p*

Ooo... Ooo...

39

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

S1 *mf*

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

S2 *mf*

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.

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.

Verse 3

80

S1

f

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

S2

f

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

A

f

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

88

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.

Refrain 4

95

S1

mp

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

103

S1

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

S2

way, and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

A1

way, and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

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A2

way, and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

II2 Verse 4

S1

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

S2

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

A1

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

II2

A2

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

120

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.

120

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...

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...

Verse 6 *a little slower*

144

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

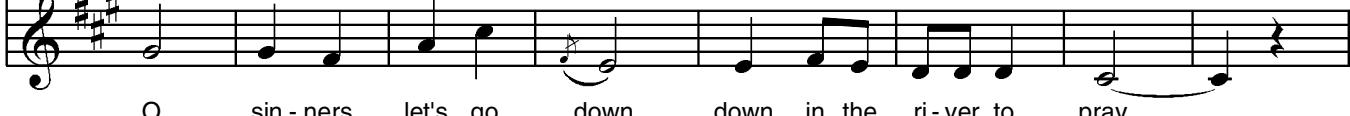
A | 

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.

A | 

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

Refrain 7 *slower*

160

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

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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,
Aller 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,
Aller 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,
Aller 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,
Aller 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