

Down to the River to Pray

For SATTBB a cappella
Performance Time: Approx. 2:35

Traditional
Arranged by PHILIP LAWSON

Folky (in one) (♩ = ca. 72)

Baritone *mp*

As I went down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a -

6 bout that good old way and who shall wear the

11 star - ry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

17 **17** Baritone *mp*

17 Bass Oh, sis - ters, let's go down, let's go

22 down, come on down. Oh, sis - ters,

27 let's go down, down in the riv - er to pray.

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

Piano (P)

33

39

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

45

ditional
WSO

Tenor II *mp* **35**

As I went down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a -

Baritone *Stagger breathing*

Bass Mm (or Oo)

Piano (For rehearsal only) *mp* **35**

33

a -

the

bout that good old way and who shall wear the robe and

39

=====
=====
=====

=====
=====

Soprano *mp* **50** *Stagger breathing*

Oo

Alto

Tenor II

8 crown. Good Lord, show me the way. Oh, broth - ers,

Baritone

Bass (Oo)

50

45

=====
=====

=====
=====

let's go down, - let's go down, come on down. Come on

52

down in the riv - er

broth - ers, let's go down, - down in the riv - er to - pray.

down in the riv - er

59

Soprano Unis. *mf* 68

Alto As I went down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that

Tenor I* *mf*

down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that

68 *mf*

66 * Optional Alto

Come on,

good old — way and — who shall wear the star - ry crown. — Good Lord,
 good old — way and — who shall wear the star - ry crown. — Good Lord,

73

ay. —

show me the way. — Oh, fa - thers, let's go down, —
 show me the way. — Oh, fa - thers, let's go down, —

83

80

a - bout that
 a - bout that

let's go down, come on down. — Oh, fa - thers, let's go
 let's go down, come on down. — Oh, fa - thers, let's go

83

87

Unis. *p*

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

down, - down in the riv - er to pray.

94

101

Soprano

Alto down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that good old - way and -

Tenor I *p* down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that good old - way and -

Tenor II *p* down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that good old - way and -

Baritone *p* down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that good old - way and -

Bass *p* down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that good old - way and -

101

101

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

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

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

108

p

As I went

p

1 way and

1 way and

way and

y.

y.

.

116 *cresc.*

Oh, moth-ers, let's go down, - come on down, don't you wan-na go down? -

cresc.

Oh, moth-ers, let's go down, - come on down, don't you wan-na go down? -

cresc.

Oh, moth-ers, let's go down, - come on down, don't you wan-na go down?

116 *cresc.*

116

mp

Come on, moth - ers, let's go down, - down in the riv - er to - pray. -

mp

Come on, moth - ers, let's go down, - down in the riv - er to - pray. -

mp

Come on, moth - ers, let's go down, - down in the riv - er to pray. -

mp

124

134

Tenor I *Stagger breathing* *p* (Oo)

Tenor II *p* Oo

Baritone *mp*

Bass *Stagger breathing* *p* Oo

As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stud-y - in' a - bout that good old _

132

134

132

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

140

149

Soprano

Alto

Tenor I

Tenor II

Baritone

Bass

149

149

149

Soprano *mf*

Alto

Tenor I *mf*

Tenor II

Baritone *mf*

Bass *mf*

149

149

Oh, down, down, down.

Oh, down, down, down.

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

Oh, down, down, down.

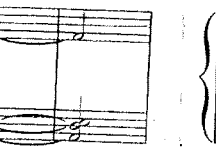
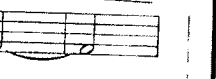
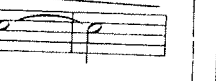
Oh, down, down in the

Oh, down, down in the

Oh, sin - ners, let's go down, down in the

Oh, down, down in the

157



Main musical score for measures 149-156, including vocal staves and piano accompaniment.

Main musical score for measures 157-164, including vocal staves and piano accompaniment.

162 riv - er to pray. *dim.* *p* As I went

163 riv - er to pray. *dim.*

164 riv - er to pray. *dim.*

165 riv - er to pray. *dim.*

166 riv - er to pray. *dim.*

167 riv - er to pray. *dim.*

168 riv - er to pray. *dim.*

Arra
JOH

Sopi
Al

Ten

Barito
Barito

Bas

Pia
(for reh
only)

169 (Sop. only)

169 down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that

174 good old way and who shall wear the robe and

179 crown. Good Lord, show me the way. *rit.*

Worldw

THE KING'S

Down To The River To Pray lyrics

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way !

O sisters let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sisters let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way !

O brothers let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
Come on brothers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way !

O fathers let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O fathers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way !

O mothers let's go down,
Let's go down, don't you want to go down,
Come on mothers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way !

O sinners let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sinners let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way !