

# Down in the river to pray

Traditional American song  
Christian folk hymn,  
African-American spiritual,  
Appalachian song,  
gospel song.

Anonyme 1867  
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Arrgt.: Jean-Christophe Rosaz

$\text{♩} = 120$   
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Soprano

1)As I went down in the ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a-bout that

Alto

Ténor

Basse

7  
S good old way And who shall wear the star-ry crown Good Lord, show me the way!

17  
S O sis-ters let's go down, Let's go down, come on down, O sis-ters let's go down,

29  
S Down in the ri-ver to pray. 2)As I went down in the ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a-bout that good old  
A Mmh! 2)As I went down in the ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a-bout that good old

40  
S way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way! O bro-ters let's go  
A way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way! O bro-ters let's go

52  
S down, Let's go down, come on down, Come on bro-ters let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to  
A down, Let's go down, come on down, Come on bro-ters let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to

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S pray. \_\_\_\_\_ 3)As I went down in the ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall

A pray. \_\_\_\_\_ 3)As I went down in the ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall

T Mmh! \_\_\_\_\_ 3)As I went down in the ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall

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S wear the star-ry crown Good Lord, show me the way! O fa-thers let's go down, Let's go down, come on

A wear star-ry crown Good Lord, show me the way! O fa-thers let's go down, Let's go down, come on

T wear star-ry crown Good Lord, show me the way! O fa-thers let's go down, Let's go down, come on

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S down, O fa-thers let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to pray. \_\_\_\_\_ 4)As I went down in the

A down, O fa-thers let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to pray. \_\_\_\_\_ 4)As I went down in the

T down, O fa-thers let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to pray. \_\_\_\_\_ 4)As I went down in the

B Mmh! \_\_\_\_\_ 4)As I went down in the

99

S ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord,

A ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall wear robe and crown Good Lord,

T ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall wear robe and crown Good Lord,

B ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall wear robe and crown Good Lord,

110

S show me the way! O mo-thers let's go down, Let's go down, don't you want to go down,

A show me the way! O mo-thers let's go down, Let's go down, don't you want to go down,

T show me the way! O mo-thers let's go down, Let's go down, don't you want to go down,

B show me the way! O mo-thers let's go down, Let's go down, don't you want to go down,

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S Come on mo-thers let's go Mmh! 5)As I went down in the ri-ver to  
down, Down in the ri-ver to pray. 5)As I went down in the ri-ver to

A Come on mo-thers let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to 5)As I went down in the ri-ver to

T Come on mo-thers let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to 5)As I went down in the ri-ver to

B Come on mo-thers let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to 5)As I went down in the ri-ver to

132

S pray Stu - dying the old way the star - ry crown Good Lord, show me the  
pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall wear the star - ry crown Good Lord, show me the

A pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall wear star - ry crown Good Lord, show me the

T pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall wear star - ry crown Good Lord, show me the

B pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall wear star - ry crown Good Lord, show me the

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S way! O sin - ners let's go down, go down, Let's go down, come on down, O sin -

A way! O sin - ners let's go down, Let's go down, come on down, O

T way! O sin - ners let's go down, Let's go down, come on down, O

B way! O sin - ners let's go down, Let's go down, come on come on down, O

154 *cresc.*

S ners let's go down, down, Down in the ri-ver to pray. Mmh! 6)As I went down in the

A sin - ners let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to pray. 6)As I went down in the ri-ver to

T sin - ners let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to pray. Mmh! 6)As I went

B sin - ners let's go down, Down in the ri-ver to pray. Mmh!

164 *dim.*

S ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall wear the

A pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall wear the robe and

T down in the ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And who shall

B I went down in the ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way And

Mmh! 6)As I went down in the ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old

Mmh! 6)As I went down in the ri-ver to pray Stu-dy-ing a - bout that

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S  
robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way! O

A  
crown Good Lord, show me the way! O

T  
wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way!

B  
who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way! And who shall wear the robe and crown Good

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S  
O Good Lord! The way!

A  
O Good Lord! The way!

T  
way! O Lord, Lord! The way!

B  
show me the way! O Good Lord! The way! Lord, show me the way! O Lord! The way!