

Down to the River to Pray

Lyrics: Traditional

Music: Traditional
Arrangement: Robert Latham

With a strong pulse ♩ = ca. 84

Tenor solo or group

mf A^b E^b

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

B

³ A^b E^b D^b A^b *mf* A^b

who shall wear the star-ry crown o Lord, show the v O bro-mers, let's go down,

Bass solo or group

mf

bro-thers, let's go down,

⁷ E^b F^m D^b A^b E^b B^b E^b A^b/E^b D^b/F A^b

let's go down, come on down, bro-thers, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

let's go down, come on down, bro-thers, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

¹¹ A^b E^b A^b E^b $SUS4$ A^b E^b $SUS4$ E^b A^b

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

mf

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

mf

T I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-in' a-bout the good old way and

B

*) Pom po-po pom pom pom pom pom pom pom pom pom pom pom pom pom pom pom pom

*) Vowel as in "bomb" / Vokal wie in „bomm“



14 *mf* *divisi*

who shall wear the robe and crown, o Lord, show me the way! O sis-ters let's go down,

who shall wear the robe and crown, o Lord, show me the way! sis-ters, let's go down,

who shall wear the robe and crown, o Lord, show me the way! ,

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

Chords: *Ab*, *Bbm/Eb*, *Db*, *Ab*, *Eb7*, *Abmaj7*, *Ab6*

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let's go down, come on down, o sis-ters, let's go down, down to the ri-ver to pray.

let's go down, come on down, o go down, down to the ri-ver to pray.

mf *p* let's go down, come on down, down to pray.

mf *p* let's go down, down, down to pray.

Chords: *Ab*, *Db6*, *Ab*, *Eb7*, *Ab6*, *Db6*, *Db*, *Ab*

22 *p* *cresc.* *mf* *mf*

Pom po - po pom po - po pom po - po pom po - po pom. Ah,

cresc. Pom po pom po pom po - po pom po - po pom. Ah,

n *cresc.* *f* Pom - po pom po - po pom. As I went down to the riv-er to pray,

p *cresc.* *f* Pom po - po pom po - po pom. As I went down to the riv-er to pray,

Chords: *Ab*, *Ab*, *Ab*, *Ab*, *Ab*, *Db6*, *Ab*

25 Eb7 Fm7 Dbmaj7 Ab Ab/Eb EbSus4 Db Ab

ah, ah,

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

stu-dy-in' a-bout the good old way and who shall wear the star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way!

29 Eb mf Ab Ab/Eb Eb6 Db/Eb Eb7 Ab Ab/Eb

O let's go down, come on down, o let's go down,

O let's go down, come on down, o let's go down,

Ah, do come on down, ah,

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

32 Eb6 Ab A f

to pray. As

prayer. As

down to the river to pray. Ah,___

down to the river to pray. Pom po-po pom po-po pom po-po pom po-po



36

S A A^{SUS4} A E⁷ A

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

AI I went down to the riv - er to pray, stu - dy a - bout the old way and

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

T 8 ah,

B *f* Pom po - po pom pom pom pom po - po

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A E D⁶/B A A E A

who shall wear the robe and crown, o Lord, show me the way! Ah,

who shall wear the robe and crown, o show me the way! O moth - ers, let's go down,

who shall wear the robe and crown, o Lord, show me the way! O moth - ers, let's go down,

8 O let's go down,

unis. O let's go down,

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

42

A D⁶ A A D/A D⁶/A

let's go down, come on down, ah, down to the riv - er to

let's go down, come on down, o moth - ers, let's go down, down to the riv - er to

let's go down, come on down, o moth - ers, let's go down, down to the riv - er to

8 come on down, o let's go down, to

pom po pom po - po pom pom pom po - po pom down come on,

cresc.



45

f *A* *A* *Asus2* *Aadd4* *divisi* *ff* *Aadd4*

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

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

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

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

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

Broadly

49 *f* *A* *Aadd4* *A7* *A* *Aadd4*

S I Ah, ah,

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

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

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

T Ah, ah,

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

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

51

A E D A E7 *sempre f* A

ah. let's go down,

who shall wear the star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way!

who shall wear the star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way! sin-ners, let's go down,

who shall wear the star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way! O sin-ners, let's go down,

ah. O let's go down,

who shall wear the star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way! O sin-ners, let's go down,

who shall wear the star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way! O sin-ners, let's go down,

55

A/E D6/F# A A A D A *p sub.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Slowly

60 *A* *sotto voce* E A

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

A *sotto voce* I went down to the riv - er to pray, stu - dy - in' about the good old way and

T *sotto voce* I went down to the riv - er to pray, stu - dy - in' about the good old way and

B *sotto voce* I went down to the riv - er to pray, stu - dy - in' a - bout the good old way and

62 *A* *E* *D* *divisi* *D*⁶ *A* *ff*

who shall wear the star - ry crown, o Lord, show me the way!

f *ff*

who shall wear the star - ry crown, o Lord, show me the way!

f *ff*

who shall wear the star - ry crown, o Lord, show me the way!

f *divisi* *ff*

who shall wear the star - ry crown, o Lord, show me the way!

