

Down to the river to pray

from motion picture "Brother where art thou"

Spiritual

Traditional
Arr.M.Noia

Music for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass voices. Key signature: one flat. Time signature changes between common time (4/4), 2/4, and 3/4. Dynamics: *mp*. Measure 1: Soprano, Alto, Tenor rest; Bass C. Measure 2: Alto begins with eighth notes. Measure 3: Chorus lyrics: "As I went down in the ri-Ver to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that good ol' way and who shall". Measure 4: Soprano enters with eighth notes. Measures 5-6: Continuation of the melody. Measure 7: Bass enters with eighth notes.

Music for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B) voices. Key signature: one flat. Time signature changes between common time (4/4), 2/4, and 3/4. Dynamics: *mp*. Measure 1: Soprano rests. Measure 2: Alto begins with eighth notes. Measure 3: Chorus lyrics: "O sis-ters let's go down, wear the star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way. O sis-ters let's go down,". Measure 4: Tenor enters with eighth notes. Measures 5-6: Continuation of the melody. Measure 7: Bass enters with eighth notes.

Music for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B) voices. Key signature: one flat. Time signature changes between common time (4/4), 2/4, and 3/4. Dynamics: *mp*. Measure 1: Soprano begins with eighth notes. Measures 2-3: Chorus lyrics: "let's go down, come on— down. O sis-ters let's go down, down in the ri-Ver to". Measures 4-5: Continuation of the melody. Measure 6: Bass enters with eighth notes.

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Soprano (S): pray. oo

Alto (A): pray. oo

Tenor (T): oo

Bass (B): mp

As I went down in the ri-^ver to pray stu-dy-ing a - bout the good ol' way and who shall

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Soprano (S): Good Lord oo

Alto (A): Good Lord oo

Tenor (T): Good Lord O bro-thers let's go down,

Bass (B): wear the robe an' crown? Good Lord, show me the way. O bro-thers let's go down,

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Soprano (S): oo

Alto (A): oo

Tenor (T): let's go down, come on down. Come on bro-thers, let's go down, down in the ri-^ver to

Bass (B): let's go down, come on down. Come on bro-thers, let's go down, down in the ri-^ver to

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Poco meno

Soprano (S) *mf*

Alto (A) *mf*

Tenor (T) *mf*

Bass (B) *mf*

— As I went down in the ri-
ver to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout the good ol' way and who shall
— As I went down to pray, stu-dying a - bout good ol' way oh
— As I went down to pray, stu-dying a - bout good ol' way oh
— As I went down to pray, stu-dying a - bout the good ol' way oh

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Soprano (S)

Alto (A)

Tenor (T)

Bass (B)

wear the star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way. O fa-thers let's go down,
oh _____ Lord, show me the way. O fa-thers let's go down,
oh _____ mf Lord, show me the way. O fa-thers let's go down,
oh _____ mf Lord, show me the way. O fa-thers let's go down,

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Soprano (S)

Alto (A)

Tenor (T)

Bass (B)

let's go down, come on down. O bro-thers let's go down, down in the ri-
ver to
let's go down, come on down. Oh _____
8 let's go down, come on down. Oh _____
let's go down, come on down. Oh _____

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Tempo I

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

pray. As I went down in the ri - ver to pray stu - dy - ing a -

I went down to

As I went down in the ri - ver to pray stu - dy - ing a -

I went down to

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

bout the good ol' way and who shall wear the star - ry crown? Good

pray studying the way and who shall wear the star - ry crown? Good

8 bout the good ol' way and who shall wear the star - ry crown? Good

pray studying the way who shall wear the star - ry crown? Good

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

Lord, show me the way. O sin - ners let's go down, — let's go down, come on down. —

Lord, show me the way. O sin - ners go down, — let's go down, come on down. —

8 Lord, show me the way. O sin - ners go down, — let's go down, come on down. —

Lord, show me the way. O sin - ners go down, go down, down, down, come on down.

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S O sin - ners let's go down, — down in the ri - ver to pray.
A O sin - ners go down, — down the ri - ver to pray.
T 8 O sin - ners go down, — down the ri - ver to pray. *p* As I went

B

40 O sin - ners go down, — down the ri - ver to pray.

S *pp* oo

A *pp* oo

T 8 down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy-ing a - bout the good ol' way and who shall

B *pp* oo

42 *Più lento*
S *p* Show me the way.
A *p* Show me the way.
T 8 wear the robe and crown? Good Lord, show me the way. *Più lento*

B *p* Show me the way.

45 S Lord, show me the way.
A Lord, show me the way.
T 8 Lord, show me the way.

B Lord, show me the way.