

As I went down to the river to pray

Text: African American Spiritual

Music: African American Spiritual

AS I WENT DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY irregular

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by a '2' over a '3') and a key signature of one flat. The music is irregular, with different rhythms and note values throughout. Chords are marked above the staff: F, C, F, C, B♭, F, F, C, F, B♭, F, F, and D.C. (Da Capo). The lyrics are as follows:

As I went down to the river to pray, stud-y-in' a-bout that good old way,
and who shall wear the star-ry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

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

Oh, sis - ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

2. Oh, brothers, ...

3. Oh, children, ...

4. Oh, sinners, ...