

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 is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated by letters F, C, Bb, and D.C. above the staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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