

Down in the River to Pray

Refrain 1

Traditional
arr. Cheryl Lynn Helm

Solo

**Sopranos
Altos**

8

Hmm... Hmm... Hmm...

16 Verse 1 **p**

**Tutti
Sop**

**Tutti
Altos**

24

S

A

Refrain 2

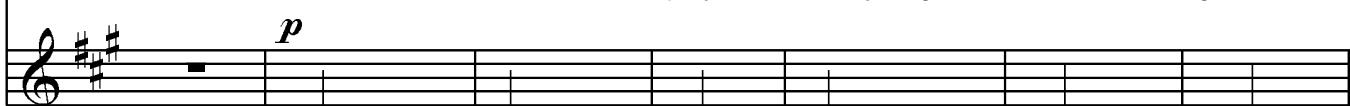
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S1 | 

I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old

S2 | 

I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old

A | 

Ooo... Ooo...

39

S1 | 

way, and who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

S2 | 

way, and who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

A | 

Ooo... Ooo... Ooo...

Verse 2

48

S1 | 

O bro - thers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

S2 | 

O bro - thers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

A | 

O bro - thers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

56

S1

Come on bro-thers, let's go down, down in the ri-ver to pray. As

S2

Come on bro-thers, let's go down, down in the ri-ver to pray.

A

Come on bro-thers, let's go down, down in the ri-ver to pray. As

64 Refrain 3

S1

I went down in the ri-ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old way, and

S2

I went down in the ri-
ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old way, and

A

I went down in the ri-
ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old way, and

72

S1

who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

S2

who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

A

who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

Verse 3

80

S1

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

S2

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

A

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

88

S1

O fa - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.

S2

O fa - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.

A

O fa - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.

Refrain 4

95

S1

Ooo... Ooo...

S2

As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy-ing a - bout that good old

A1

As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy-ing a - bout that good old

95

A2

As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy-ing a - bout that good old

103

S1

Ooo... Good Lord, show me the way.

S2

way, and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

A1

way, and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

103

A2

way, and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

II2 Verse 4

S1

O mo-thers, let's go down, let's go down, don't you want to come down?

S2

O mo-thers, let's go down, let's go down, don't you want to come down?

A1

O mo-thers, let's go down, let's go down, don't you want to come down?

II2

A2

O mo-thers, let's go down, let's go down, don't you want to come down?

120

S1 Come on mo-thers, let's go down, go down in the ri-ver to pray. As

S2 Come on mo-thers, let's go down, go down in the ri-
ver to pray. As

A1 Come on mo-thers, let's go down, go down in the ri-
ver to pray.

A2 Come on mo-thers, let's go down, go down in the ri-
ver to pray.

Refrain 5

128

S1 I went down in the ri-
ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old

S2 I went down in the ri-
ver to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old

A Ooo... Ooo...

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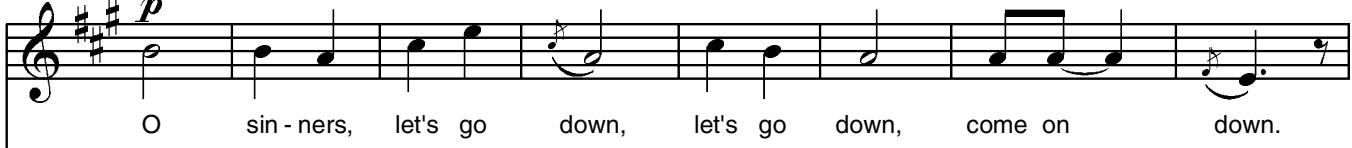
S1 way, and who shall wear the star-ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

S2 way, and who shall wear the star-ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

A Ooo... Ooo... Ooo...

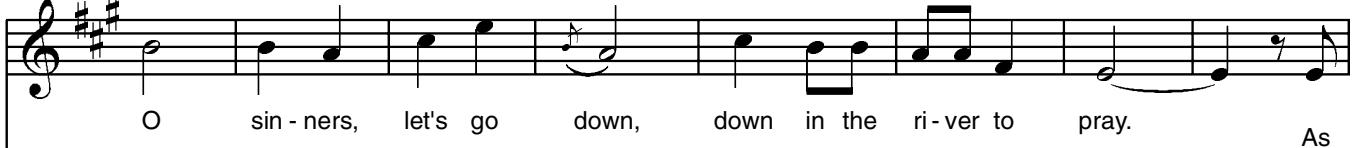
Verse 6 *a little slower*

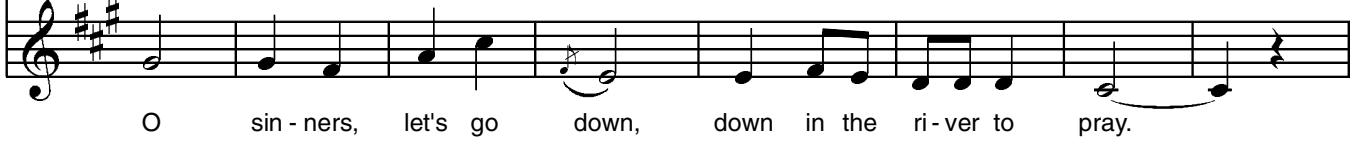
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S | 

A | 

152

S | 

A | 

Refrain 7 *slower*

160

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Unison I went down in the ri-
ver to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that good old way, and

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who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.