

Dedicated to the participants of the 2015 Wake All-County Elementary Chorus, Raleigh, NC
Sally K. Albrecht—Guest Director

THE RIVER

Down to the River to Pray • Down by the Riverside • Peace Like a River

for 2-part voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax CD*

Traditional Spirituals
Arranged by SALLY K. ALBRECHT

Moderately, in two (♩ = ca. 66)

opt. SOLO (any voice)

mp

PART I

PART II

PIANO

mp

As I went

As I went

5

down to the river to pray, stud-y - in' a - bout that good old way, and who shall

down to the riv-er to pray, stud-y - in' a - bout that good old way, and who shall

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9 (end solo)

wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way._____

wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way._____

13

mf

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

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

17

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

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

21 *decresc.*
 down to the riv - er to pray. _____
decresc.
 to pray. _____

decresc.

25 *mp* 26
 As I went down to the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a -
mp
 As I went down to pray,

mp

28
 bout that good old way, and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord,
 down to pray, and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord,

34

32

mf

show me the way, _____ to the riv - er. Oh, broth - ers,

show me the way down to the riv - er. Oh, broth - ers,

mf

mf

35

let's go down, _____ let's go down, _____ come on down. _____

let's go down, _____ let's go down, _____ come on down. _____

38

Oh, broth - ers, let's go down, _____ down to the riv - er to

Oh, broth - ers, let's go down,

41 43 *decresc.*

pray, oh, down to the riv-er to pray.

down to the riv - er. Gon-na lay down my bur - den down

45 *mf*

Down by the riv-er - side, down by the riv-er - side,

by, down by down

49 51

down by the riv-er - side.

by. Gon-na lay down my bur - den, down

53

Down by the riv - er - side. — Ain't gon-na stud - y war no
by. — Ain't gon-na stud - y war no

57

more, war — no more, — no more.
more, war — no more, — no more.

61

62

As I went down to the riv - er, as I went
I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a

65

down to the riv - er. Peace like a riv-er in my soul, in my
 riv-er, I've got peace like a riv-er in my soul.

69

70

grad. cresc.

soul. As I went down to the riv - er, as I went
 I've got peace like a riv-er, I've got peace like a

grad. cresc.

rit.

grad. cresc.

73

down to the riv - er. Peace like a riv-er in my soul, in my
 riv-er, I've got peace like a riv-er in my soul, in my

77 **f** **78**

soul. I've got love like an o-ccean, I've got love like an

soul. I've got love like an o-ccean, I've got love like an

81

o-ccean, I've got love like an o-ccean in my soul.

o-ccean, I've got love like an o-ccean in my soul, in myo -

85 **86**

I've got love like an o-ccean, I've got

soul. I've got love, I've got love like an

89

love, I've got love like an o-c-ean in my soul. *decresc.*

o-c-ean, I've got love like an o-c-ean in my soul. *decresc.*

93

opt. SOLO (any voice)

96

mf As I went down to the riv-er to

mf As I went down to the riv-er to

97

pray, stud-y-in' a-bout that good old way, and who shall wear the star-ry *grad. decresc.*

pray, stud-y-in' a-bout that good old way, and who shall wear the star-ry *grad. decresc.*

104

(end solo)

mp

101

crown, good Lord, show me the way. Show me

crown, good Lord, show me the way. Show me

105

the way,

the way,

decresc.

109

p

fade to nothing

rit.

the way.

the way.

p

fade to nothing

rit.