

Dedicated to the participants of the 2015 Wake All-County 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 S.A.B. voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax CD*

Traditional Spirituals
Arranged by SALLY K. ALBRECHT

Moderately, in two (♩ = ca. 66)

opt. SOLO (any voice)

mp

SOPRANO
ALTO

BARITONE

PIANO

As I went

5
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._____

13

mf

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

mf

mf

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

down to the riv - er to pray, oh, —

21

decresc.

down to the riv - er to pray.

decresc.

down to the riv - er to pray.

decresc.

25 SOPRANO *mp*

26

As I went down to the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that good old

ALTO *mp*

As I went down to pray, down to

BARITONE *mp*

As I went down to pray, down to

mp

29

way, and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way. —

pray, down to pray, good Lord, show me the way,

pray, down to pray, good Lord, show me the way,

33

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

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

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

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come on down.— Oh, broth-ers, let's go down,—

come on down.— Oh, broth-ers, let's go down,

come on down. Oh, broth-ers, let's go down, down to the riv-er to

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43

down to the riv-er, down to the riv-er to pray. *decresc.*

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

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

45 *mf*

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

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

by, — down by, — down

49 51

down by the riv - er - side. —

down by the riv - er - side. — Gon - na lay down my bur - den, —

by. — Down

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53 SOPRANO

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

BARITONE
by. — Ain't gon-na stud - y war no

57

more, war no more, no more.

61

I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a

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

65

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

69 70 *grad. cresc.*

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

73

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

77 *f* 78

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

f

81

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

soul. _____

85 86

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

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

f

89

decesc.

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

decesc.

decesc.

93

opt. SOLO (any voice)

mf 96

As I went down to the riv-er to

mf

97

grad. decresc.

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

grad. decresc.

101

(end solo) *mp*

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

mp

105

the way, _____

109

p the way. _____ *fade to nothing rit.*

p _____ *fade to nothing*