

The Good Old Way

"Down to the Valley to Pray"

Music and Text arr EIW+ June 2019 from *Slave Songs of the United States* (1867)

$\text{♩} = 50$, with a steady beat

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Solo

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

Rehearsal only

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S.

A.

T.

B.

good ol' way, and how we'll wear the star-ry crown: Good Lord, show me the way!

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S. *Hum*

A. *Hum*

T. *p*

B.

O sin-ers, let's go down, let's go down, let's go down! O sin-ers, let's go down!

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S.

A.

T. *All tenors, or all men*

B.

Down in the riv-er to pray! As I go down in the riv-er to pray,

End Repeat, beat 1

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S.

A.

T.

8 stud - y - in' a - bout that good ol' way, and how we'll wear the star - ry crown:

B.

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S.

O, sis - ters, let's go down!

A.

O, let's

T.

8 Good Lord, show me the way! O sis - ters, let's go down, let's go down,

B.

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S. Let's go down! O, let's go down to pray! As

A. go down, go to pray! As

T. let's go down! O sis-ters, let's go down! Down in the riv-er to pray! As

B. As

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S. I go down in the riv-er to pray, stud-y - in' a-bout that good ol' way, when

A. I go down in the riv-er to pray, stud-y - in' a-bout that good ol' way. when

T. I go down, stud - y that good ol' way. when

B. I go down, stud - y that good ol' way. and

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S. we shall wear the star-ry crown: Good Lord, show me the way! O broth-ers,

A. we shall wear the star-ry crown: Good Lord, show me the way!

T. we shall wear the star-ry crown: Good Lord, show me the way!

B. how we'll wear the star-ry crown: Good Lord, show me the way!

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S. let's go down, let's go down, let's go down! O broth-ers, let's go down!

A. let's go down, let's go down!

T. let's go down, let's go down!

B. let's go down, let's go down!

49 *Repeat Verse One*

S. Down in the riv - er to pray!

A. Down in the riv - er to pray!

T. 8 Down in the riv - er to pray!

B. Down in the riv - er to pray!