Down By The Riverside

Traditional

F **G^7** **C** **C**
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1) **C**
Gonna lay down my sword and shield,

C **G^7**
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside

C
Down by the riverside.

C
Gonna lay down my sword and shield

C **G^7** **C** **C^7**
Down by the riverside, and study war no more.

CHORUS:

F **C**
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,

G^7 **C** **C^7**
I ain’t gonna study war no more.

F **C**
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,

G^7 **C** **C**
I ain’t gonna study war no more. **(Repeat Line To End)**

2) **C**
Gonna walk and talk and sing and shout

C **G^7**
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside

C
Down by the riverside

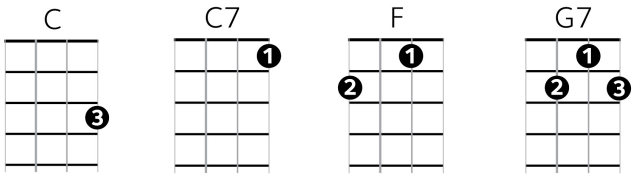
C
Gonna walk and talk and sing and shout

C **G^7** **C** **C^7**
Down by the riverside, gonna study war no more

CHORUS:

This song was traditionally done with participants making up lines as they went. Here are a few I've found; I know there are more. Feel free to make up your own.

3) I'm gonna laugh and sing and play my uke
4) I'm gonna join hands with everyone
5) I'm gonna lay down my burdens
6) Gonna stick my sword in the golden sand
7) Gonna put on my long white robe
8) Gonna put on my starry crown
9) Gonna walk and talk and sing and shout
10) Gonna meet my dear Savior
11) I'm gonna put on my golden shoes
12) I'm gonna talk with the Prince of Peace
13) I'm gonna shake hands around the world

In the 1950's, Patsy Cline recorded a country-jazz version of the song with the following lyrics and with a completely rewritten chorus:

1) Well I met my little brown-eyed gal
2) Well I asked her for a little kiss
3) Well I wed that little brown-eyed gal