# Down in the River to Pray

Key of C

Traditional - Allison Krauss version

**C C**
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**C G C**
As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way
**C G F C**
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord show me the way.
**G C F C**
Oh sisters, let's go down. Let's go down. Come on down,
**G C F C C**
Oh sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

**C G C**
As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way
**C G F C**
And who shall wear the robe and crown? Good Lord show me the way.
**G C F C**
Oh brothers, let's go down. Let's go down. Come on down,
**G C F C C**
Come on brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

**C G C**
As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way
**C G F C**
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.
**G C F C**
Oh fathers, let's go down. Let's go down. Come on down.
**G C F C C**
Oh fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

**C G C**
As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
**C G F C**
And who shall wear the robe and crown? Good Lord, show me the way.
**G C F C**
Oh mothers, let's go down. Come on down. Don't you want to go down?
**G C F C C**
Come on mothers let's go down, down in the river to pray.

**C** **G** **C**
As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way
**C** **G** **F** **C**
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.
**G** **C** **F** **C**
Oh sinners, let's go down, Lets go down. Come on down.
**G** **C** **F** **C** **C**
Oh sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

**C** **G** **C**
As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way

**C** **Slows: G** **F** **C /**
And who shall wear the robe and crown? Good Lord, show me the way.

**Earliest written lyrics known, ca. 1867:**

As I went down in the valley to pray,
Studying about that good old way,
When you shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.
O mourner, let's go down, let's go down, let's go down,
O mourner, let's go down,
Down in the valley to pray.

