

Down to the River to Pray

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line starts with a 4/4 time signature, followed by a 2/4 time signature, and ends with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "As I went down to the riv - er to pray, stud - y - ing a - bout that good old way. And who shall wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way. Oh *broth - er let's go down, come on down, don't you want to go down? Oh broth - er, let's go down, down to the riv - er to pray." The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are some rests and a fermata over the final note of the last line.

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**Sister, father, mother.*

Text: American folk song

Tune: American folk song; arr. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me._____

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to

be._____ With God as our Fa- ther,_____ broth - ers
(Optional: We are

all are we;_____ Let me walk with my broth-er_____ in
fam - i - ly._____ Let us walk with each oth - er)

per - fect har - mo - ny._____ Let peace be - gin with me, let

this be the mo - ment now._____ With ev - 'ry step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow:_____ To take each mo-ment and live each

mo-ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly._____ Let there be peace on earth and

1. _____ Final _____
let it be - gin with me. _____ let it be - gin with me._____