

Gather by the River to Pray

Down to the River to Pray/Shall We Gather at the River

SAB or SATB*

Arranged by
Pepper Choplin

Gentle walking tempo ♩ = ca. 63

Down to the River to Pray: Traditional Spiritual

SA

mp

As I went

Gentle walking tempo ♩ = ca. 63

mp

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down to the riv-er to pray, stud-y - in' a-bout that good ole way; and

*For performance by SAB voices, omit the bass part when the vocals are split into four parts.

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who shall wear the star - ry crown? Good Lord, show me the

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way. *mp* down to the riv - er to pray,

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

9

stud - y - in' a - bout that good ole way; and who shall wear the star - ry crown? Good

11 *mf*

Lord, show me the way. O broth - er, let's go down,

mf

13

let's go down, come on down. O broth - er, let's go down,

15

down to the riv - er to pray, down to the riv - er to

down to the riv - er to pray, to

17 *mp*

pray.
mp

pray.
mp

mf

Shall We Gather at the River

Words and Music by **Robert Lowry**, 1864

19 *mf*

Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an-gel feet have trod, _____

mf

21

mf

with its crys-tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the__ throne of__ God?

23

Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev-'ry bur-den down; _____

25

grace our spir-its will de-liv - er and pro - vide a__ robe and__ crown.

27

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti - ful__ riv - er;