

# Down By the Riverside

(Study War No More)

SATB, *a cappella*

Traditional

Traditional Spiritual  
Arranged by **Bryan Sharpe**

Stately, yet slow and rubato ♩ = ca. 72  
(opt. Tenor or Baritone solo)

*mf ad lib*

8 T I'm gon-na lay down my bur - den  
8 down, down by the riv-er - side,  
4 down by the riv-er - side, down by the ri-ver-side.  
6 I'm gon-na lay down my bur - den

Detailed description: This block contains the first four staves of the musical score. The first staff is for Tenor (T) and starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is 'Stately, yet slow and rubato' with a quarter note equal to approximately 72 beats per minute. The dynamics are 'mf ad lib'. The lyrics are: 'I'm gon-na lay down my bur - den'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'down, down by the riv-er - side,'. The third staff continues with 'down by the riv-er - side, down by the ri-ver-side.'. The fourth staff continues with 'I'm gon-na lay down my bur - den'.

Faster folk feel ♩ = ca. 126  
*mf*

8 S I ain't gon'  
A I ain't gon'  
8 T (end solo) I ain't gon'  
B down by that riv-er - side, stud-y war no more. I ain't gon'

Detailed description: This block contains the second part of the musical score, starting at measure 8. It features four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The tempo is 'Faster folk feel' with a quarter note equal to approximately 126 beats per minute. The dynamics are 'mf'. The lyrics are: 'I ain't gon'' (Soprano and Alto), '(end solo) I ain't gon'' (Tenor), and 'down by that riv-er - side, stud-y war no more. I ain't gon'' (Bass). The Tenor part includes a solo line.

Duration: approx. 2:50

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stud-y war— no more, stud-y war— no more,

stud-y war— no more, stud-y war— no more,

stud-y war— no more, stud-y war— no more,

*mf*  
bohm bohm bohm bohm— bohm bohm bohm bohm bohm— bohm

*mf (for rehearsal only)*

stud - y war no more, no more. I ain't gon'

stud - y war no more, no more.

stud - y war no more, no more.

bohm bohm bohm bohm— bohm war no more. I ain't gon'

15

stud-y war— no more, stud-y war— no more,  
 stud-y war— no more, stud-y war— no more,  
 stud-y war— no more, stud-y war— no more,  
 boh-m boh-m boh-m boh-m— boh-m boh-n boh-m boh-m boh-m boh-m

17

stud - y war no more.  
 stud - y war no more.  
 stud - y war no more.  
 stud - y war no more. Bah doom— bah doom doom bah doom

6  
19

*mf*

Lay down my sword and shield,— down by the riv-er - side,—

*mp*

Lay down, down by the riv-er - side,—

*mp*

Lay down, down by the riv-er - side,—

*mp*

Lay down, down by the riv-er - side,—

*mf*

*mp*

21

down by the riv-er - side,— down by the riv-er - side.— I'm gon-na

down by the riv-er side,— down by the riv-er - side.—

down by the riv-er - side,— down by the riv-er - side.—

down by the riv-er - side,— down by the riv-er - side.—

23

lay down my sword and shield, down by the riv-er - side.

Lay down, down by the riv-er side.

Lay down, down by the riv-er - side.

Lay down, down by the riv-er - side.

25

Stud - y war no more.

Stud - y war no more.

Stud - y war no more. I ain't gon'

Stud - y war no more, no, no. I ain't gon' no, no.

*mp*

No, no more, no, no more,

*mp*

No, no more, no, no more,

*mf*

stud-y war— no more, stud-y war— no more,

*mf*

stud-y war— no more, stud-y war— no more,

*mp*

*mf*

no, no, no— more, no— more,

no, no, no more, no more,

stud - y war no more, no— more.— I ain't gon'

stud - y war no more, no more. I ain't gon'

31

no, — no more, no, no more,  
 no, — no more, no, no more,  
 stud-y war— no more, stud-y war— no more,  
 stud-y war— no more, stud-y war— no more,

33

stud - y war no — more. *f* I'm gon-na  
 stud - y war no — more. *f* I'm gon-na  
 stud - y war — no — more. *f* I'm gon-na  
 stud - y war no more. Bah doom— bah doom doom bah doom

musical score for measures 35-36, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "walk with my broth - er — down by the riv - er - side, —". The piano part includes a forte (*f*) dynamic marking.

musical score for measures 37-38, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "down by the riv - er - side, — down by the riv - er - side. —" and "down by the riv - er - side, — down by the riv - er - side. — I'm gon - na". The piano part includes a forte (*f*) dynamic marking.



39

Walk with my sis - ter— down by the riv-er - side— then

Walk with my sis - ter— down by the riv-er - side— then

walk with my sis - ter— down by the riv-er - side— then

walk with my sis - ter— down by the riv-er - side— then

41

I— won't stress no more. I ain't gon'

I won't stress no more, no more.—

I— won't stress no more, no more.—

I won't stress no more. No,— I ain't gon'