

AS I WENT DOWN IN THE VALLEY TO PRAY

(DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY)

Traditional Bluegrass, Gospel Tune; **DATE:** Mid 1800's; **CATEGORY:** Gospel Tunes **RECORDING INFO:** Alison Kraus O Brother Where Art Thou? Soundtrack; Tim and Molly O'Brien; Doc Watson; **OTHER NAMES:** The Good Old Way; Down to the River To Pray; **NOTES:** A gospel song from both a black and white sources. L.L. McDowell's Middle Tennessee *Songs of the Old Camp Ground*; White's *Fisk Jubilee Songs*, 1872.

Musical score for the song "As I Went Down in the Valley to Pray". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/4. The melody is accompanied by guitar chords indicated by letters G, C, D, and G. The lyrics are: "As I went down in the valley to pray, Study-ing a - bout that good old way. And who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good Lord, show me the way. Oh bro - thers, let's go down, Come on down, Don't you want to go down, Oh bro - thers let's go down, Down in the val - ley to pray."

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- G** **C** **G**
1. As I went down in the valley to pray, Studyin' about that good old way.
C **G**
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord show me the way.
D **G** **C** **G**
Oh brothers let's go down, Come on down, don't you want to go down.
D **G** **C** **G**
Oh brothers let's go down, Down in the valley to pray.
2. Oh sisters let's go down...
3. Oh fathers let's go down...
4. Oh mothers let's go down...
5. Oh sinners let's go down...