

# SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

Gospel Song by Robert Lowry (1826-1899); **DATE:** 1865; **CATEGORY:** Early Gospel Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Alcoa Quartet-1925; Dixie Sacred Singers-1927 with Uncle Dave Macon and the McGee Brothers; Carter Family; Chuck Wagon Gang; Lost And Found; Peter Rowan; Mac Wiseman; **OTHER NAMES:** The Beautiful River; **NOTES:** First recorded in 1925 by the Alcoa Quartet, Shall We Gather At the River was one of Uncle Dave Macon's favorite hymns and a gospel standard. There's a great version by the Carter Family on Border Radio, County 550.

Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; \_\_\_\_\_

With its crys-tal tide for - ev - er, Flow-ing by the throne of \_\_\_\_\_ God?

*Chorus* Yes, we'll gath-er by the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful \_\_\_\_\_ riv - er,

Gath - er with the saints \_\_\_\_\_ at the riv - er, That flows by the throne of \_\_\_\_\_ God.

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**D** **A7**  
Shall we gather at the river, where bright angels feet have trod,  
**D** **A7** **D**  
With it's crystal tide, forever, flowing by the throne of God.

**G** **D** **A7** **D**  
**Chorus:** Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
**G** **D** **A7** **D**  
Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silvery spray,  
We shall walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Chorus*

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down,  
Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown. *Chorus*

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver, with the melody of peace. *Chorus*