Down to the River to Pray
American folk song
“The Good Old Way,”
attributed to George H. Allan,
from Slave Songs of the United States, 1867
Arranged by Scot Crandal

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown—Good Lord, show me the way! O sisters, let’s go down. Let’s go down, come on down.

*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners

Optional arrangement: Starting with unison soprano, a voice part may be added at the beginning of each verse in this order: alto, tenor, bass.
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