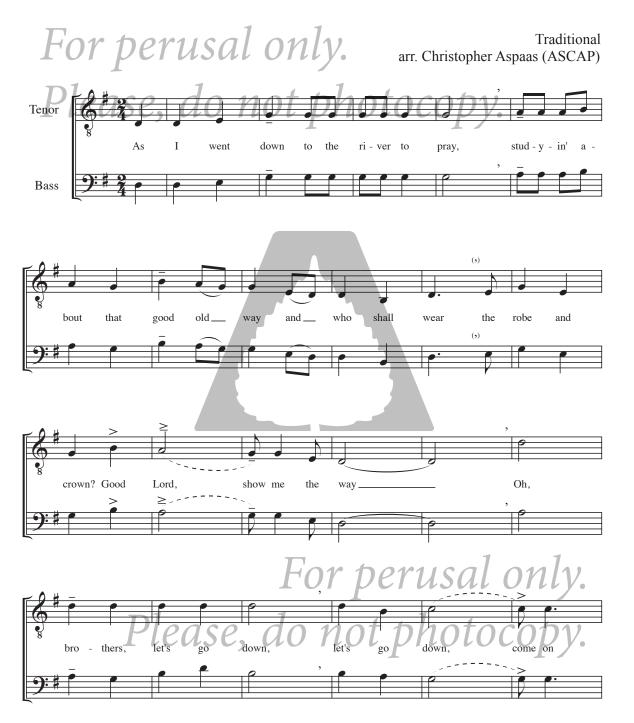
## Down to the River to Pray







This song describes the tradition of baptism by immersion where women would enter the water disrobed and the men would wear a robe—thus the alternation of verses between "starry" and "robe and" depending on the masculine or feminine reference.

Performance suggestion: begin with members of the chorus spread throughout the audience on or near the ends of rows. Starting with one singer standing up and singing, the ensemble should rise from their seats and join in the song, moving towards the front of the space and greeting each other as they gather.

Please, do not photocopy.