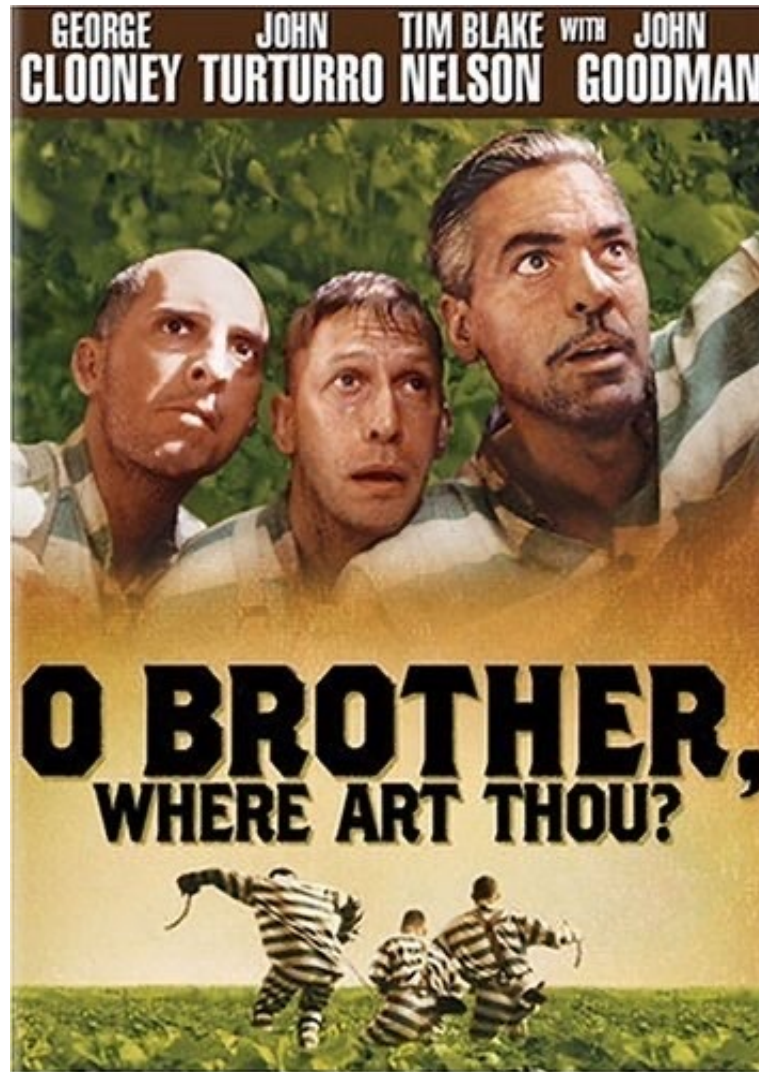


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♩ = 60

G

S  
As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that

A  
As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a - bout that

T  
Oo

B  
Oo

10

Em<sup>7</sup> G

S  
good ol' way and who shall wear the star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.

A  
good ol' way and who shall wear the star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.

T

B

<Here's the sign; see it? You're coming back here!

20 (87) D/F# G Em/G G Em Em7 G

S 1. O sis - ters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

A 1. O sis - ters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

T 1. O sis - ters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
3. O mo - thers,...

B Add Bases 2nd Time Only  
3. O mo - thers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

28 (95) D/F# Em7 G Em/G G D Em7 Cmaj7 G

S O sis - ters, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.

A O sis - ters, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.  
...mo - thers,...

T O sis - ters, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.  
...mo - thers,...

B O mo - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.

36 (103) High harmony (soft) G/D Em<sup>7</sup>/D G/D D/F# G<sup>9</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> G/D D<sup>7</sup> G/C G

S As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a-bout that good ol' way and who shall wear the

Melody

A As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a-bout that good ol' way and who shall wear the

T As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a-bout that good ol' way and who shall wear the

B As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a-bout that good ol' way and who shall wear the

47 (114) G/C C G/D D C G 2nd Time Only D/F# G

S star - ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.\_\_\_\_ Oo\_\_\_\_\_

A star - ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.\_\_\_\_ Oo\_\_\_\_\_

T star - ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.\_\_\_\_ Male Tenors Only (melody)

B star - ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.\_\_\_\_

2. O bro - thers, let's go down,  
4. O fa - thers,...

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4. O fa - thers,...

58 (125) G D Em7 C/E G D/F# G Em/G D Am7/E Am/C G

S  
A  
T  
B

let's go down, come on down. O bro-thers, let's go down, down in the ri-ver to pray.

let's go down, come on down. O bro-thers, let's go down, down in the ri-ver to pray.

Add Sopranos & Altos Both Times

70 (137) G/D D/F# Em/G G/D C G

S  
A  
T  
B

As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a-bout that good ol' way and who shall wear the

As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a-bout that good ol' way and who shall wear the

Add Female Tenors Both Times

As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a-bout that good ol' way and who shall wear the

As I went down in the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a-bout that good ol' way and who shall wear the

C G/D D C G

**D.S. al Coda**

81 (148)

S  
star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.

A  
star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.

T  
star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.

B  
star-ry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.

**Coda**

D G

**Unison (diminishing to end...)**

5. O sin-ners, let's go down,

5. O sin-ners, let's go down,

5. O sin-ners, let's go down,

5. O sin-ners, let's go down,

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D/A G

**Divisi**

G G/D C G

S  
let's go down, come on down. O sin-ners, let's go down, down in the ri-ver to\_ pray.

A  
let's go down, come on down. O sin-ners, let's go down, down in the ri-ver to\_ pray.

T  
let's go down, come on down. O sin-ners, let's go down, down in the ri-ver to\_ pray.

B  
let's go down, come on down. O sin-ners, let's go down, down in the ri-ver to\_ pray. 2'50.0"