

Down By The Riverside

(a.k.a. "Study War No More", "Gonna Lay My Body Down")

Words & Music:
Traditional Gospel

This is a classic "call & response" song, where lines 2 & 4 are the same responses each verse. Lines 1 & 3 change with each verse and are the "calls". Thanks to Songhound James Osborne, who corrected an egregious error with my line 4 response.

D
Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside.
A7 D
Down by the riverside. Down by the riverside.
D
Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside.
A7 D
Gonna study war no more.

CHORUS:

G D
I ain't gonna study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more.
A7 D A7 D
I ain't gonna study war no more.
G D
I ain't gonna study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more.
A7 D
I ain't gonna study war no more.

I'm gonna lay down my heavy load down by the riverside. [+ Down by the riverside 2x]
I'm gonna lay down my heavy load down by the riverside. Gonna study war no more.

CHORUS

I'm gonna lay down my travelin' shoes down by the riverside. [+ Down by the riverside 2x]
I'm gonna lay down my travelin' shoes down by the riverside. Gonna study war no more.

CHORUS

I'm gonna put on my long white robe down by the riverside. [+ Down by the riverside 2x]
I'm gonna put on my long white robe down by the riverside. Gonna study war no more.

CHORUS

Gonna put on that starry crown down by the riverside. [+ Down by the riverside 2x]
Gonna put on that starry crown down by the riverside. Gonna study war no more.

CHORUS

I'm gonna walk with that Prince of Peace down by the riverside. [+ Down by the riverside 2x]
I'm gonna walk with that Prince of Peace down by the riverside. Gonna study war no more.

CHORUS