

# Down by the River-Side

Trad. African American

*Plantation Melodies,*  
ed. Homer Rodeheaver, 1918

Moderato ♩ = c. 108

1. Gon - na lay down my sword and shield,  
2. Gon - na lay down my heav - y load,  
3. Gon - na shake hands a - round the world,

2 Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,  
Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,  
Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,

4 Down by the riv - er - side, Gon - na lay down my sword and shield,  
Down by the riv - er - side, Gon - na lay down my heav - y load,  
Down by the riv - er - side, Gon - na shake hands a - round the world,

6 Down by the riv - er - side, Gon - na stud - y war no more.  
Down by the riv - er - side, Gon - na stud - y war no more.  
Down by the riv - er - side, Gon - na stud - y war no more.

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Ain't gon' stud-y war no more, Ain't gon' stud-y war no more, Ain't gon'

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stud - y war no more, \_\_\_\_\_ Ain't gon'

stud - y war, gon' stud - y war no more,

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stud - y war no more.

4. Gonna walk with that Prince of Peace...
5. Gonna lay down my bombs and guns...
6. Oh, and we will end this warfare...

V. 1, H. Rodeheaver; V. 2, Louis Armstrong; V. 3, unknown;  
 V. 4, from the singing of Pete Seeger and others;  
 V. 5, from the singing of Sweet Honey in the Rock and others;  
 V. 6, *Religious Folk Songs of the Negro*, 1920.