

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

Gonna lay down my sword and shield – down by the riverside
– down by the riverside
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REFRAIN:

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, study war no more.

Gonna walk with the Prince of Peace – down by the riverside
– down by the riverside
– down by the riverside

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– down by the riverside

REFRAIN:

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, study war no more.

Gonna put on my long white robe – down by the riverside
– down by the riverside
– down by the riverside

Gonna put on my long white robe – down by the riverside
– down by the riverside

REFRAIN:

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, study war no more.

Gonna join hands with everyone – down by the riverside
– down by the riverside
– down by the riverside

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– down by the riverside

REFRAIN:

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, study war no more.

Per Wikipedia: A Negro spiritual song, there are at least 14 black gospel recordings. Although its roots date back to before the American Civil War, the song was first published in 1918. Because of its pacifistic imagery, "Down by the Riverside" has also been used as an anti-war protest song, especially during the Vietnam War.