

## Down by the Riverside

Also known as "Ain't Gonna Study War No More" and "Gonna lay down my burden", is a Negro spiritual song. Its roots date back to before the American Civil War, though it was first published in 1918 in Plantation Melodies: A Collection of Modern, Popular and Old-time Negro-Songs of the Southland.

G  
I met my little bright eyed doll, down by the riverside  
D7 G  
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside

I met my little bright eyed doll, down by the riverside  
D7 G  
Down by the river-side.

I asked her for a little kiss, down by the riverside  
D7 G  
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside

I asked her for a little kiss, down by the riverside  
D7 G  
Down by the river-side.

C  
She said "Have patience little man  
G D7 G  
I'm sure you'll understand, I hardly know your name"  
C G  
I said if I can have my way, maybe some sweet day,  
A7 D7  
Your name and mine will be the same

G  
I wed my little bright eyed doll, down by the riverside  
D7 G  
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside

I wed my little bright eyed doll, down by the riverside  
D7 G  
Down by the river-side. *JK*

Repeat last two verses

