**WHO WILL WEAR THE ROBE AND CROWN?**

A lot of us may think of *Valley to Pray* as a folk song. In fact it was written by the great gospel composer Albert E. Brumley (1905-1977), who also composed *I’ll Fly Away, Turn Your Radio On,* and many other gospel classics. The song is also widely known as *Down in the River to Pray*, as recorded by Allison Krauss and many others. To me, it is *Valley to Pray* because that is the version I first heard by Arlo Guthrie 50 years ago. The song has been recorded by a great many people, perhaps least notably by **Across the Water** on their *a cappella* CD, **No Strings Attached,** so that is the version I have transcribed here, and that you can hear on the HFMS Audio Archive page at <http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html>.

**VALLEY TO PRAY**

**CHORUS:**

**G Am C**

I went down in the valley to pray, studying about the good old way

**G Am C D**

And who will wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way.

**Am D G Am C D**

Oh, brother, let’s go down, let’s go down, won’t you come on down

**Am D G Am C D**

Oh, brother, let’s go down, down in the valley to pray.

**CHORUS**

Oh, sister let’s go down, let’s go down, won’t you come on down

Oh, sister let’s go down, down in the valley to pray.

**CHORUS**

Oh, mother let’s go down, let’s go down, won’t you come on down

Oh, mother let’s go down, down in the valley to pray.

**CHORUS**

Oh, father let’s go down, let’s go down, won’t you come on down

Oh, father let’s go down, down in the valley to pray.

**CHORUS:**

Oh, sinners let’s go down, let’s go down won’t you come on down

Oh, sinners let’s go down, down in the valley to pray.