

Banks of the Ohio

Traditional

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4/4

I asked my love to take a walk
Just a little ways with me
As we walked along we talked
All about our wedding day

CHORUS

Darling say that you'll be mine
And our home will happy be
Down be side where the waters flow
On the banks of the Ohio

I held a knife against her breast
As into my arms she pressed
She said Willie, don't you murder me
I'm not prepared for eternity

CHORUS

I took her by her lily white hand
Led her down that bank of sand
There I pushed her in to drown
And watched her as she floated down

CHORUS

MORE VERSES

Returning home tween twelve and one
Thinking Lord, Lord, what a deed I've done
I killed the girl I loved, you see
Because she would not marry me

The very next day, about half past four
The sheriff walked right to my door
He said, "Young man, don't try to run,
You must pay for this crime you've done