

Banks of the Ohio

1. D A7
I asked my love to go with me,
 A7(G) D
Just to walk a little way.
 D7 G
And as we walked, 'twas then we talked
 D A7 D
Of our approaching wedding day.

CH CHORUS :

 D A7
Then only say that you'll be mine
 A7(G) D
And in no other arms entwine.
 D7 G
Down beside, where the waters flow
 D A7 D
Down by the banks of the Ohio.

2. I held a knife against her breast
As gently in my arms she pressed,
Crying "Willie, Oh Willie! Don't murder me
For I'm unprepared for eternity!"

CH CHORUS

3. I took her by her lily white hand
And led her down where the waters stand;
I picked her up and pitched her in
And watched her as she floated down.

CH CHORUS

4. I started home 'twixt twelve and one
Cryin' "Oh my God! What have I done?
I've murdered the only woman I love
Because she would not be my bride.

CH CHORUS