Banks Of The Ohio

Words & Music: Traditional American

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I asked my love to take a walk,

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Just to walk a little way.

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As we walked along we talked

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All about our wedding day.

CHORUS:

And only say that you'll be mine And our home will happy be. Down beside where the waters flow. Down on the banks of the Ohio.

I took her by her lily-white hand, Led her down where the waters stand. There I pushed her in to drown, And watched as she floated down.

CHORUS:

I started home 'tween twelve and one. I cried, "My God, what have I done?" I murdered the only woman I loved Because she would not marry me.

CHORUS:

The very next morning about half-past four, The sheriff came knocking on my door. He said, "Young man, come with me and go Down to the banks of the Ohio."

CHORUS: