

BANKS OF THE OHIO

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I asked my love to take a walk
F G
To take a walk, just a little walk.
C F
Down beside where the waters flow
C G C
Down by the banks of the Ohio.

CHORUS

And only say that you'll be mine
And in no other arms entwine
Down beside where the waters flow X
Down by the banks of the Ohio.

I asked you mother for you, Hon
And she said you were too young
Only say that you'll be mine
Happiness in my home you'll find.

I held a knife against her breast
As into my arms she pressed
She cried, "Oh Willie,
Don't murder me, for I'm not prepared
for eternity." *Chorus*

I took her by her lily white hand
Led her down to the water's stand
I picked her up and I pitched her in,
Watched her as she floated down.

I started home twixt twelve and one
I cried my God what have I done
Killed the only woman I love
Because she would not be my bride. ✓