Banks of the Ohio – Joan Baez, Johnny Cash, etc. (19th Century traditional)

Intro: G   D7   G   /{pause}

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I asked my love .. to take a walk, just to walk ..   a little way
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          G7    /        C    /          G   D7       G   /{pause}
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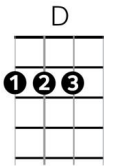And as we walked ..along we talked ..of when would be ..our wedding-day
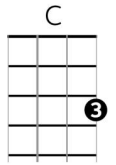
┌─── **Chorus** ┐
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          G    /       D    /     D7   /       G    /
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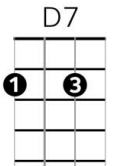And only say … that you'll be mine ..   in no oth -- ers' arms entwine
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          G7    /              C    /       G    D7    G    (/)
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Down beside .. where the waters flow,   down by the banks .. of the Ohio
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I asked her if …. she'd marry me … and my wife … forever be
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          G7    /      C    /       G   D7       G   /{pause}
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She only turned … her head away .. and had no other   words to say
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Chorus
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          G    /       D    /     D7   /      G    /
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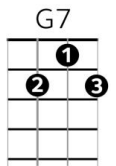I held a knife …against her breast .. as into .. my arms she pressed
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             G7    /         C    /       G   D7      G   /{pause}
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She cried "My love,   don't murder me,   I'm not prepared …for eternity"
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          G    /       D    /       D7    /      G    /
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I took her by …   her lily-white hand .. and led her down … that bank of sand
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          G7    /      C    /          G   D7       G   /{pause}
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And there I threw .. her in to drown, and I watched her as .. she floated down
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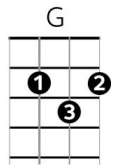
Chorus
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And going home … twixt twelve and one … I cried, "Oh Lord, what have I done?
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          G7    /      C    /          G   D7      G   /{pause}
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I've killed the one … I love tonight … because she would .. not be my bride."
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Chorus
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          G    D7     G    /{stop}
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Down by the banks .. of the Ohio