

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

Intro: G D7 G /{pause}

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 G / D / D7 / G /
 I asked my love .. to take a walk, just to walk .. a little way

G7 / C / G D7 G /{pause}
 And as we walked ..along we talked ..of when would be ..our wedding-day

Chorus
 G / D / D7 / G /
 And only say ... that you'll be mine .. in no oth -- ers' arms entwine
 G7 / C / G D7 G (/)
 Down beside .. where the waters flow, down by the banks .. of the Ohio

G / D / D7 / G /
 I asked her if she'd marry me ... and my wife ... forever be
 G7 / C / G D7 G /{pause}
 She only turned ... her head away .. and had no other words to say

Chorus

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 G / D / D7 / G /
 I held a knife ...against her breast .. as into .. my arms she pressed
 G7 / C / G D7 G /{pause}
 She cried "My love, don't murder me, I'm not prepared ...for eternity"

G / D / D7 / G /
 I took her by ... her lily-white hand .. and led her down ... that bank of sand
 G7 / C / G D7 G /{pause}
 And there I threw .. her in to drown, and I watched her as .. she floated down

Chorus

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 G / D / D7 / G /
 And going home ... twixt twelve and one ... I cried, "Oh Lord, what have I done?
 G7 / C / G D7 G /{pause}
 I've killed the one ... I love tonight ... because she would .. not be my bride."

Chorus

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 G D7 G /{stop}
 Down by the banks .. of the Ohio

Chords

