

# Banks of the Ohio

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

And only say that you'll be mine  
In no others arms entwined,  
Down beside where the waters flow,  
Down by the banks of the old Ohio

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

And only say that you'll be mine  
In no others' arms entwined  
Down beside where the waters flow  
Down by the banks of the Ohio

I started home 'tween twelve and one  
I cried, "My God, what have I done?  
I've killed the only woman I loved,  
Because she would not be my bride,"

And only say that you'll be mine  
In no others' arms entwined  
Down beside where the waters flow  
Down by the banks of the Ohio

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