

Little Omie Wise

Dock Boggs

John Lewis said people ill tell you no lie,
the way I murdered little Omie Wise,
he told her to meet him at Adams's spring,
he'd bring her some money and other fine things,
foolishly she met him at Adams's spring,
he brought her no money or other fine things,

I'll tell you some history & I think it's not too late,
Omie was murdered in the year of eighteen eight,
John Lewis, John Lewis I'm afraid of your way,
your mind is to ramble and lead me astray,
little Omie, little Omie I'll tell you my mind,
my mind is to drown you and leave you behind,
hop up behind me away we will go,
a down to the river where the deep waters flow,
she hopped up behind him away they did go,
down to the river where the deep waters flow,
he beat her he beat he she could hardly speak,
he threw her in the river where the waters 20 foot deep,
little Omie was missing the people did not know,
they gathered together and a hunting they did go,
they rambled they rambled the whole world around,
poor little Omie had never yet been found,
but two little boys was fishing it was on wednesday morn,
they saw little Omies body come down in the storm,
they threw their net around her and drew her to the bank,
her clothes all wet and muddy and they laid her on a plank,
they sent for john lewis to come and see the sight,
he murdered his own true lover and did not deny it,
they handcuffed john lewis they taken him off to jail,
surrounded Omies body and they taken her to the grave,
my name is John Lewis a name I'll never deny
I murdered my own true lover and now I'm ready to die

Lyrics submitted by kealan paartlow.