

(The) Banks of the Ohio (G)

Traditional

G **D** **G**
I asked my love to take a walk, just a walk a little ways
G7 **C** **G** **D** **G**
And as we walked and we would talk, all about our wedding day

G **D** **G**
Oh darling say that you'll be mine, in our home we'll happy be
G7 **C** **G** **D** **G**
Down beside where the waters flow, on the banks of the Ohio

G **D** **G**
I took her by her pretty white hand. I led her down that bank of sand
G7 **C** **G** **D** **G**
I pushed her in where she would drown, Lord, I watched as she floated down

G **D** **G**
Oh darling say that you'll be mine, in our home we'll happy be
G7 **C** **G** **D** **G**
Down beside where the waters flow, on the banks of the Ohio

G **D** **G**
Returning home 'bout half past one, thinking "Lord, what have I done?"
G7 **C** **G** **D** **G**
I killed the girl I love, you see, because she would not say she'd marry me

G **D** **G**
Oh darling say that you'll be mine, in our home we'll happy be
G7 **C** **G** **D** **G**
Down beside where the waters flow, on the banks of the Ohio

G **D** **G**
The very next day 'bout half past four, the sheriff walked right to my door
G7 **C** **G** **D** **G**
He said, "Young man, don't try to run, now you'll pay for the terrible deed you've done"

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