

Banks of Ohio

Folk Song

The musical score for "Banks of Ohio" includes four chord diagrams at the top: D (x x o), A7 (x o o o), D7 (x x o), and G (o o o). The lyrics are numbered 1 through 33. The chords used are D, A7, D7, G, and D.

1 I asked my love to take a walk,
2 just a little walk,
3 down beside where the waters
4 flow,
5 And only say that you'll be mine
6 in no other's arms entwine,
7 down beside where the waters flow,
8 down by the banks of the Ohio.
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1. 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 Ohio.

Refrain:

And only say that you'll be mine
in no other's arms entwine,
down beside where the waters flow,
down by the banks of the Ohio.

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

3. Returning home 'tween twelve and one,
I cried, "My God! What have I done?
I'd killed the girl I loved, you see,
Because she would not marry me."