

Banks of Ohio

Folk Song



1 I asked my love to take a walk, to take a
6 walk, just a lit- tle walk, down be- side where the wa- ters
12 flow, down by the banks of the O- hi- o. And on- ly
18 say that you'll be mine in no o- ther's arms en-
24 twine, down be- side where the wa- ters flow,
29 down by the banks of the O- hi- o.

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."

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