

# Banks of the Ohio

Traditional

[C] I asked my love to take a [G7] walk  
Just a little ways with [C] me  
And as we walked and we would [F] talk  
All [C] about our [G7] wedding [C] day

Chorus

[C] Darling say that you'll be [G7] mine  
In our home we'll happy [C] be  
Down beside where the waters [F] flow  
On the [C] banks of the [G7] Ohio [C]

[C] I took her by her pretty white [G7] hand  
I led her down that bank of [C] sand  
I pushed her in where she would [F] drown  
Lord, I [C] saw her as she [G7] floated [C] down

Chorus

[C] Returning home about twelve or [G7] one  
Thinking "Lord, what a deed I've [C] done?"  
I killed the girl I love, you [F] see  
Because she [C] would not [G7] marry [C] me

Chorus

[C] The very next day at half past [G7] four  
The sheriff walked right to my [C] door  
And he says "Young man, don't you try to [F] run  
You'll pay for this [C] awful [G7] crime you've [C] done"

Chorus

[C] Darling say that you'll be [G7] mine  
In our home we'll happy [C] be  
Down beside where the waters [F] flow  
On the [C] banks of the [G7] Ohio [C]

[C] She floated down 'bout a mile or [G7] more  
Caught a branch and swam to [C] shore  
She climbed on out and caught a [F] ride  
"I'll make him [C] pay" [G7] was all she [C] cried

Chorus

[C] She crept on up to Willie's [G7] house  
Up to his room quiet as a [C] mouse  
Said "Willie Dear, now we must [F] part."  
And plunged a [C] knife [G7] straight through his [C] heart.

Chorus

Video - Doc Watson, Ricky Skaggs, Earl Scruggs and Alison Krauss - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwK7hRo72Go](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwK7hRo72Go)