

# Banks of the Ohio 19<sup>th</sup> century American traditional v4 12/1/18

Intro G// D///... A/ D// (*down by the banks of the Ohio*)

Sitting here [D] in Mansfield [A] Penn' just waitin'[A7] for my life to[D] end  
For my[D] crime, I'm due to[G] die and I'll tell you[D] when and[A] how and[D] why,  
I Asked my[D] love to take a[A] walk , just to [A7] walk a little[D] way  
And as we[D] walked then we could[G] talk about our[D] future[A] wedding[D] day

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## Chorus

Then only[D] say –that you'll be[A] mine, in no oth-[A7] -ers arms en-[D] -twine  
Down[D] beside where the waters[G] flow, down by the[D] banks[A] of the [D] Ohio

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She stopped and[D] turned her face[A] away she said I [A7] don't know how to[D] say  
Because I[D] cannot be your [G] bride to be for[D] ever[A] by your[D] side  
I held a[D] knife against her[A] breast as into my[A7] arms she[D] pressed  
She cried my[D] love don't murder[G] me , I'm not pre-[D]- pared[A] for eter-[D]-nity

## A capella Chorus

I took her[D] by her lifeless[A] hand and pulled her [A7] down the banks of[D] sand  
I threw her[D] in and watched her[G] go, under the waters [A] of the Oh-[D] -io  
I started[D] home twixt twelve and[A] one , I cried my[A7] lord what have I[D] done  
I've killed the [D] one I love to-[G]-night because she [D] would not[A] be my[D] bride

## Playing Chorus

Instrumental verse uke ,banjo, picking plus Harp , and bass

## Chorus +

[G] down by the [D] banks [A] of the Oh-[D] -io