

Banks of the Ohio

19th century American traditional v3 08/11/17

Intro: **G, D, A, D**

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

=====**Chorus**=====

[D] [A] [A7] [D]
Then only say -that you'll be mine, in no oth -ers arms en -twine
[D] [G] [D] [A] [D]
Down beside where the waters flow, down by the banks of the Oh-iO
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[D] [A] [A7] [D]
She stopped and turned her face away she said I don't know how to say
[D] [G] [D] [A] [D]
Because I cannot be your bride, to be for- ever by your side (pause)
[D] [A] [A7] [D]
I held a knife against her breast, as into my arms she pressed
[D] [G] [D] [A] [D]
She cried my love don't murder me , I'm not pre- pared for eter-nity

A capella Chorus

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

Instrumental single uke picking and bass

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