

## BANKS OF THE OHIO

4/4 time, key of D

Trad.

<p><b>D</b> love</p> <p><b>A7</b> walk</p> <p><b>D</b> walk,</p> <p><b>D</b> -bout</p>	<p><b>D</b> to take a</p> <p><b>A7</b> a little</p> <p><b>D7</b> oh, may we</p> <p><b>A</b> our wedding</p>	<p><b>A</b> walk</p> <p><b>D</b> way</p> <p><b>G</b> talk</p> <p><b>D</b> day</p>	<p><b>A</b> I asked my</p> <p><b>D</b> Just a</p> <p><b>G</b> And as we</p> <p><b>D</b> All a-</p> <p><b>D</b> Only</p>
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*Chorus:*

Only say that you'll be mine  
 In our home we'll happy be  
 Down beside where the waters flow  
 On the banks of the Ohio

I held a knife against her breast  
 As into my arms she pressed  
 She said Willie, don't you murder me  
 I'm unprepared for eternity

I took her by her lily white hand  
 And dragged her down that bank of sand  
 There I threw her in to drown  
 I watched her as she floated down

Was walking home 'tween twelve and one  
 Thinkin' of what I had done  
 I killed a girl, my love you see  
 Because she would not marry me

The very next morn about half past four  
 The Sheriff came knocked at my door  
 He said now young man come now and go  
 Down to the Banks of the Ohio

A version (in F) by Bill Monroe and Doc Watson:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7C3r9PnoNTw>