

Banks of the Ohio – Joan Baez, Johnny Cash, etc. (19th Century traditional)

Intro: **G** **D7** **G** /{pause}

Chords

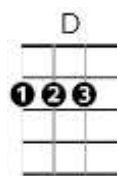
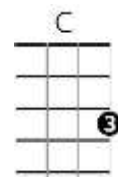
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G / **D** / **D7** / **G** /

I asked my love .. to take a walk, just to walk .. a little way

G7 / **C** / **G D7** **G** /{pause}

And as we walked ..along we talked ..of when would be ..our wedding-day



G / **D** / **D7** / **G** / **Chorus**

And only say ... that you'll be mine .. in no oth -- ers' arms entwine

G7 / **C** / **G D7** **G** (/)

Down beside .. where the waters flow, down by the banks .. of the Ohio



G / **D** / **D7** / **G** /

I asked her if she'd marry me ... and my wife ... forever be

G7 / **C** / **G D7** **G** /{pause}

She only turned ... her head away .. and had no other words to say



Chorus

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G / **D** / **D7** / **G** /

I held a knife ...against her breast .. as into .. my arms she pressed

G7 / **C** / **G D7** **G** /{pause}

She cried "My love, don't murder me, I'm not prepared ...for eternity"



G / **D** / **D7** / **G** /

I took her by ... her lily-white hand .. and led her down ... that bank of sand

G7 / **C** / **G D7** **G** /{pause}

And there I threw .. her in to drown, and I watched her as .. she floated down

Chorus

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G / **D** / **D7** / **G** /

And going home ... twixt twelve and one ... I cried, "Oh Lord, what have I done?"

G7 / **C** / **G D7** **G** /{pause}

I've killed the one ... I love tonight ... because she would .. not be my bride."

Chorus

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G **D7** **G** /{stop}

Down by the banks .. of the Ohio