

Banks of The Ohio' (Trad.)

Recorded by Johnny Cash, to be found on 'American Recordings Unearthed'
originally recorded by Billie and Charlie Monroe in 1936.

Intro: G

1st verse:

 G D
I asked my love, to take a walk
 G
Take a walk, just a little ways,
 C
And as we walked, along we talked
 G D G
Of when would be, our wedding day.

Chorus:

 G D
And only say, that you'll be mine,
 G
In no o thers arms entwined,
 C
Down beside where the waters flow,
 G D G
Down by the banks of the Ohio.

Verse 2:

 G D
I asked her if she'd marry me,
 G
And my wife forever be,
 C
She only turned her head away
 G D G
And had no other words to say.

Chorus.

verse 3:

I plunged a knife into her breast,
And told her she was going to rest,
She cried 'Oh Willie, don't murder me,
I'm not prepared for eternity.'

verse 4 :

I took her by her golden curls,
And drug her down to the riverside,
And there I pushed her into drown,
And I watched her as she floated down.

Chorus.

Verse 5 :

And going home between twelve and one,
And cried 'Oh Lord, What have I done,
I've killed the only girl I love,
Because she would not marry me.

Chorus.