

Banks of the Ohio

1-5-8 tuning

American traditional

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G D A D

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dulcimer arrangement: Brenda Vetter

1. I asked my love, to go with me, To take a walk a little way,
And as we walked and as we talked, All about our wedding day.

CHORUS: Then only say, that you'll be mine, In no other arms entwined,
Down beside, where the waters flow, Down by the banks of the Ohio.

2. I held my knife against her breast, While in my arms she gently pressed,
Saying, "Please, don't murder me, I'm unprepared for eternity."

3. I took her by her lily white hand, I led her to the river strand.
I picked her up, I threw her in And I watched, as she floated down

4. I started home, 'twixt twelve and one. I cried, " My God! What have I done!
I've killed the only girl I've loved, Because she would not marry me."

5. The very next morning about half past four, The sheriff's man knocked at my door
Now, young man, come now and go, Down to the banks of the Ohio.