

Iris Dement

"The Banks Of The Ohio"

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I asked my love to take a walk
To take a walk just a little walk
Down beside where the waters flow
Down by the banks of the Ohio

(Chorus)
And only say that you'll be mine
In no others arms entwined
Down beside where the waters flow
Down by the banks of the Ohio

I held a knife against her breast
As into my arms she pressed
She cried "Oh Willie, don't murder me
For I am unprepared for eternity"

(Chorus)

I started home tween twelve and one
I cried "My God! What have I done?"
Killed the only woman I loved
Because she would not be my bride

(Chorus)
Down by the banks of the Ohio

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