I asked my love to take a walk, Just a little way's with me. An' as we walked, Then we would talk All about our wedding day.

"Darlin', 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 took her by her pretty white hand, I led her down the banks of sand, I plunged her in Where she would drown, An' watched her as she floated down.

"Darlin', 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."

Returnin' home between twelve and one, Thinkin', Lord, what a deed I've done; I'd killed the girl I love, you see, Because she would not marry me.

The very next day, at half past four,
The sheriff walked right to my door;
He says, "Young man,
Don't try to run.
You'll pay for this awful crime you've don."

"Darlin', 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."