

## Banks of the Ohio

Dolly Parton

I went into his prison cell  
To write his story, if he'd tell  
He spoke as tears, fell from his eyes  
And he told me when, and how and why  
And he said

I asked my love to take a walk  
Just to walk, a little ways  
And as we walked, then we could talk  
About our future wedding day

But when she said, she could never be mine  
I held a knife against his breast  
As into my arms she pressed  
He cried "my love, don't you murder me  
I'm not prepared for eternity"

Then only say that you'll be mine  
And in no others' arms entwine  
Down beside where the waters flow  
Down by the Banks of the Ohio

I started home 'tween twelve and one  
I cried, "My God, what have I done?"  
I've killed the one I love tonight  
Because she would not be my bride

Well only say that you'll be mine  
And in no others' arms entwine  
Down beside where the waters flow  
Down by the Banks of the Ohio  
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Save my soul lord  
Save my soul  
There beside where the waters flow  
Down by the Banks of the Ohio