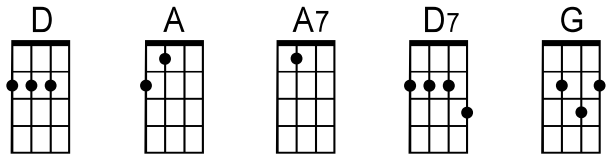
Banks of the Ohio

Traditional

Use alternate D7



[D] I asked my love to take a **[A]** walk, to take a **[A7]** walk**,** just a little **[D]** walk
[D] And as we **[D7]** walked, oh we would **[G]** talk, all **[D]** about **[A]** our wedding **[D]** day.

Chorus:
[D] Oh only say that you'll be [A] mine, in no [A7] other arms [D] entwine
[D] Down be- [D7] side where the waters [G] flow, down by the [D] banks [A] of the O-hi-([D]o

[D]"Oh no your bride I'll never **[A}** be. Another **[A7]** one's prepared for **[D]** me."
[D] And as she **[D7]** took her hand from **[G]** mine I was **[D]** filled with **[A]** power di-
[D] vine.

Chorus

[D] I held a knife unto her **[A]** breast as in- **[A7]** to my arms she **[D]** pressed
[D[Crying **[D7]**"Willie, don't you murder **[G]** me! I'm un-pre-**[D]**pared **[A]** for e-ter-ni-**[D]**ty!"

Chorus

[D] I took her by her lily white **[A]** hand and led her **[A7]** down where the waters **[D]** stand
[D] There I **[D7]** pushed her in to **[G]** drown and watched her **[D]** as **[A]** she floated
[D] down

Chorus

[D] I went home 'twixt twelve and **[A]** one crying **[A7]** "Lord, what have I **[D]** done?
[D] I've gone and **[D7]** kilt the only woman I **[G]** love only 'cause she **[D]** wouldn't
[A] be my **[D]** bride.

Can also be sung to:
F-C-C7-F-F7-Bb-F-C-F or G-D-D7-G-G7-C-G-D-G