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 of our approaching wedding day.
 Then only say, that you'll be mine,
 and in no other arms entwine,
 down beside, where the waters flow,
 down by the banks of the Ohio,

I took her by her lily white hand
 and led her down
 where the waters stand.
 I picked her up and pitched her in
 and watched her as she floated down.
 Then only say that you'll be mine...

I started home 'twen twelve and one,
 cryin', "Oh, my God!
 What have I done?
 I've murdered the only woman I love,
 because she would not be my bride."
 Then only say that you'll be mine...