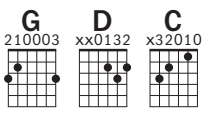

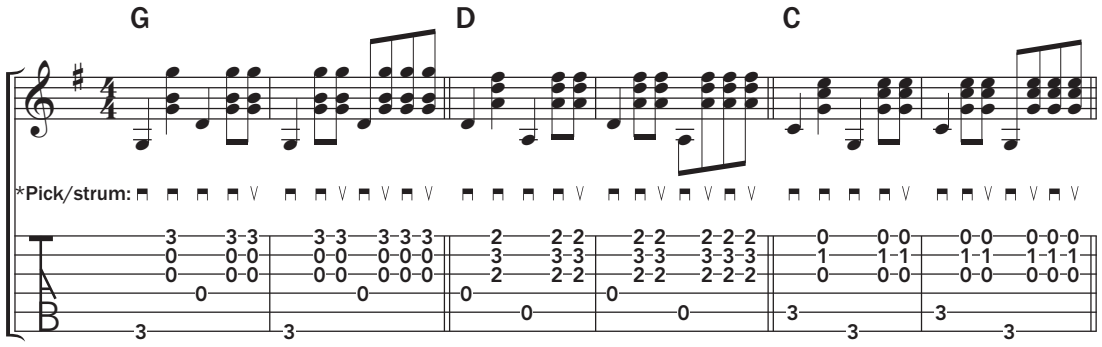

* ⊓ = down; ∨ = up

1. I asked my love to take a walk
   Just a little ways with me
   And as we walked along we talked
   Of when would be our wedding day

   Chorus

   And only say that you'll be mine
   In no other's arms entwined
   Down beside where the waters flow
   Down by the banks of the Ohio

2. I asked her if she'd marry me
   And my wife forever be
   She only turned her head away
   And had no other words to say

   Repeat Chorus

3. I plunged a knife into her breast
   And told her she was going to rest
   She cried Oh Willy don't murder me
   I'm not prepared for eternity

   Repeat Chorus

4. I took her by her golden curls
   I drug her down to the riverside
   And I there threw her in to drown
   And I watched her as she floated down

   Repeat Chorus

5. And going home between 12 and one
   I cried Lord what have I done
   I've killed the girl I love
   Because she would not marry me