

Worried Man Blues (Traditional Folk) (A)

One of *many* versions of the “[Worried Man Blues](#)”

[Worried Man Blues](#) by The Carter Family (1930) – [Worried Man Blues](#) by Woodie Guthrie (1944) from “Muleskinner Blues: The Asch Recordings, Vol. 2”

[Worried Man Blues](#) by Pete Seeger (Bowdoin College Concert, 1960; 16-bar version)

Chorus

A
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song,

D A
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song

E7 A | A
I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long.

Outro A | E7 A

A
I went across the river, I lay down to sleep.

D A
I went across the river, I lay down to sleep.

E7 A | A
When I woke up, had shackles on my feet. **Chorus**

A
Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg

D A
Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg

E7 A | A
And on each link the initials of my name. **Chorus**

A
I asked the judge what might be my fine?

D A
I asked the judge. what might be my fine?

E7 A | A
Twenty-one years on the Rocky Mountain Line. **Chorus**

A
The train arrived, sixteen coaches long

D A
The train arrived, sixteen coaches long

E7 A | A
The girl I love is on that train and gone. **Chorus**

A
If anyone asks you who composed this song

D A
If anyone asks you, who composed this song

E7 A | A
Tell 'em was I, and I sing it all day long. **Chorus**

Worried Man Blues (Traditional Folk) (E)

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Chorus

E
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song,

A E
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song

B7 E | E
I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long.

Outro E | B7 E

E
I went across the river, I lay down to sleep.

A E
I went across the river, I lay down to sleep.

B7 E | E
When I woke up, had shackles on my feet. **Chorus**

E
Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg

A E
Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg

B7 E | E
And on each link the initials of my name. **Chorus**

E
I asked the judge what might be my fine?

A E
I asked the judge. what might be my fine?

B7 E | E
Twenty-one years on the Rocky Mountain Line. **Chorus**

E
The train arrived, sixteen coaches long

A E
The train arrived, sixteen coaches long

B7 E | E
The girl I love is on that train and gone. **Chorus**

E
If anyone asks you who composed this song

A E
If anyone asks you, who composed this song

B7 E | E
Tell 'em was I, and I sing it all day long. **Chorus**