

Worried Man Blues (Traditional Folk) (C)

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[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

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

F C
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song

G7 C | C
I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long.

Outro C | G7 C

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

F C
I went across the river, I lay down to sleep.

G7 C | C
When I woke up, had shackles on my feet. **Chorus**

C
Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg

F C
Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg

G7 C | C
And on each link the initials of my name. **Chorus**

C
I asked the judge what might be my fine?

F C
I asked the judge. what might be my fine?

G7 C | C
Twenty-one years on the Rocky Mountain Line. **Chorus**

C
The train arrived, sixteen coaches long

F C
The train arrived, sixteen coaches long

G7 C | C
The girl I love is on that train and gone. **Chorus**

C
If anyone asks you who composed this song

F C
If anyone asks you, who composed this song

G7 C | C
Tell 'em was I, and I sing it all day long. **Chorus**

Worried Man Blues (Traditional Folk) (G)

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Chorus

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

C **G**
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song

D7 **G** | **G**
I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long.

Outro **G** | **D7** **G**

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

C **G**
I went across the river, I lay down to sleep.

D7 **G** | **G**
When I woke up, had shackles on my feet. **Chorus**

G
Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg

C **G**
Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg

D7 **G** | **G**
And on each link the initials of my name. **Chorus**

G
I asked the judge what might be my fine?

C **G**
I asked the judge. what might be my fine?

D7 **G** | **G**
Twenty-one years on the Rocky Mountain Line. **Chorus**

G
The train arrived, sixteen coaches long

C **G**
The train arrived, sixteen coaches long

D7 **G** | **G**
The girl I love is on that train and gone. **Chorus**

G
If anyone asks you who composed this song

C **G**
If anyone asks you, who composed this song

D7 **G** | **G**
Tell 'em was I, and I sing it all day long. **Chorus**