

It Takes a Worried Man

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It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
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I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long

I went across the river and I lay down to sleep
I went across the river and I lay down to sleep
I went across the river and I lay down to sleep
I woke up and I had shackles on my feet

Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg*
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And on each link, an initial of my name

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I asked the judge, "What's gonna be my fine"
I asked the judge, "What's gonna be my fine"
I said, "Oh, judge, what's gonna be my fine"
He said, "Twenty-one years on the Rocky Mountain Line"**

Twenty-one years to pay for my awful crime
Twenty-one years to pay for my awful crime
Twenty-one years to pay for my awful crime
Twenty one years, but I still got ninety-nine

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The train pulled out, sixteen coaches long***
The train pulled out, sixteen coaches long
The train pulled out, sixteen coaches long
The one I love, she's on that train and gone

I looked down the track, as far as I could see
I looked down the track, as far as I could see
I looked down the track, as far as I could see
A Little bitty hand was a-wavin' back at me

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If anyone asks you who composed this song
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If anyone asks you who composed this song
Tell him it was I and I sing it all day long

Oh, it takes a worried man to sing a worried song
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