Worried Man Blues
(Trad./Houston)

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G
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
C G
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
D7 G
I’m worried now—, but I won’t be worried long

G
I went across the river, and I lay down to sleep
C G
I went across the river, and I lay down to sleep
I went across the river, and I lay down to sleep
D7 G
When I woke up— I had shackles on my feet

G
Twenty-one links of chain around my leg
C G
Twenty-one links of chain around my leg
Twenty-one links of chain around my leg
D7 G
And on each link— his initial of my name

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D7 G
I’m worried now—, but I won’t be worried long

G
I asked that judge, “What’s gonna be my fine?”
C G
I asked the judge, “Tell me, what’s gonna be my fine?”
I asked that judge, “Tell me, what’s gonna be my fine?”
D7 G
“Twenty-one years— on the Rocky Mountain line”
G
Twenty-one years to pay my awful crime
C    G
Twenty-one years to pay my awful crime
D7                                G
Twenty-one years—, and I still got ninety-nine

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
I’m worried now—, but I won’t be worried long

G
If anybody asks you, “Well, who made up this song?”
C    G
If anybody asks you, “Well, who made up this song?”
D7                                G
Just tell ‘em ‘t’was me—, an’ I done been here and gone

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It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
C    G
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
D7                                G
I’m worried now—, but I won’t be worried long

Additional commonly sung verse:

G
The train I ride, sixteen coaches long
C    G
The train I ride, sixteen coaches long
D7                                G
The girl I love— is on that train and gone