

# Woody Guthrie, Worried Man Blues (It Takes A W

I went across the river  
I lay down to sleep  
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I lay down to sleep  
When I woke up  
Had shackles on my feet

It takes a worried man  
To sing a worried song  
It takes a worried man  
To sing a worried song  
I'm worried now  
But I won't be worried long

Twenty-one links  
Of chain around my leg  
Twenty-one links  
Of chain around my leg  
And on each link  
'S an initial of my name

I asked that judge  
What's gonna be my fine  
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What's gonna be my fine  
Twenty-one years  
On the Rocky Mountain line

That train pulled out  
Twenty-one coaches long  
That train pulled out  
Twenty-one coaches long  
And the woman I love  
Is on that train and gone

Twenty-one years  
Pay my awful crime  
Twenty-one years  
Pay my awful crime  
Twenty-one years  
And I still got ninety-nine