

♩ = 90

*Worried Man Blues*

Traditional

**G**

1. I went a - cross the riv - er, and I lay down to sleep; I  
 2. Twenty-one links of chain\_\_ a - - round\_\_ my\_\_ leg;  
 3. - I asked that judge,\_\_ "Say what's gonna be my fine?"  
 4. That train\_\_ pulled\_\_ out,\_\_ twenty - one coach - es long. That

**5**

**C** **G**

went a - cross the riv - er, and I lay down to sleep; I  
 Twenty-one links of chain\_\_ a - - round\_\_ my\_\_ leg;  
 - I asked that judge,\_\_ "Oh, What's gonna be my fine?"  
 train\_\_ pulled\_\_ out,\_\_ twenty - one coach - es long. That

**9**

**G**

went a - cross the riv - er, and I lay down to sleep; When I woke  
 Twenty-one links of chain\_\_ a - - round\_\_ my\_\_ leg, and on each  
 - I asked that judge,\_\_ "What's gonna be my fine?"\_\_ "Twenty - one  
 train\_\_ pulled\_\_ out,\_\_ twenty - one coach - es long, and the woman I

**13**

**D** **G**

up I had shack - - les on my feet. \_\_\_\_\_  
 link an in - - it - - ial of my name. \_\_\_\_\_  
 years on the Rock - - y Moun - tain Line." \_\_\_\_\_  
 love is \_\_\_\_\_ on that train and gone. \_\_\_\_\_

**16** Chorus **G**

It takes a wor - ried man to sing a worr - ied song; it

**21**

**C** **G**

takes a wor - ried man to sing a worr - ied song; it

**25**

**G**

takes a wor - ried man to sing a worr - ied song; I'm wor - ried

**29**

**D** **G**

now, but I won't be wor - - ried long. \_\_\_\_\_

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