

WORRIED MAN

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Carter Family-1930; Blue Sky Boys; Wade Mainer and the Mainers Mountaineers-1936; Wilma Lee and Stoney Cooper; Kingston Trio; Don Reno and Bill Harrell with the Tennesse Cutups; **OTHER NAMES:** Worried Man Blues; **NOTES:** First recorded by John Fox in 1927, *Worried Man Blues* is related to *My Long Journey Home* and *Haunted Road Blues*. It was popularized first by the Carter Family in 1930 and then was a hit (peak Billboard position # 20) in 1959 for the Kingston Trio.

It takes a wor-ried man to sing a wor-ried song It
takes a wor-ried man to sing a wor-ried song It takes a wor-ried
man to sing a wor-ried song I'm wor - ried now
but I won't be wor-ried long.

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

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

I went across the river and I laid down to sleep, I went across the river and I laid down to sleep
I went across the river and I laid down to sleep, When I woke up, there were shackles on my feet

Twenty one links of chain around my leg, Twenty one links of chain around my leg
Twenty one links of chain around my leg, And on each link, the initials of my name

I asked the judge what's gonna be my fine, I asked the judge what's gonna he my fine
I asked the judge what's gonna be my fine, Twenty one years on the Rocky Mountain Line

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