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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 (3x)
When I woke up, had shackles on my feet.

Twenty nine links of chain around my leg (3x)
And on each link, an initial of my name.

I asked that judge, tell me, what's gonna be my fine (3x)
Twenty one years on the R.C. Mountain line.

Twenty one years to pay for my awful crime (3x)
Twenty one years, but I still got ninety-nine.

The train arrived, sixteen coaches long (3x)
The girl I love, she's on that train and gone.

I looked down the track, as far as I could see (3x)
A little bitty hand, was waving back at me.

If anyone should ask you, who made up this song (3x)
Tell 'em it was me. and I sing it all day long.

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