

Worried Man Blues

Burl Ives

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
I went across the river and I lay down to sleep
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When I woke up I had shackles on my feet Twenty-one links of chain around my leg
There was twenty one links of chain around my leg
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And upon each link there's an initial of my name 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 asked that judge, "What's gonna be my fine?"
Asked that judge, "Say, what's gonna be my fine?"
I asked that judge, "What's gonna be my fine?"
Said, "Twenty-one years on the Rocky Mountain mine" It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
Yes, 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

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