

It takes a worried man
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I'm worried now
But I won't be worried long!

Twenty one links
Of chain around my leg; (3x)
And on each link
There's an initial of my name!

Asked that judge What's gonna be fine; (3x) Twenty one years On that rooky mountain line! Went across the river, I lay down to sleep, (3x) When I woke up Had shackles on my feet!

The train I ride
Is twenty one coaches long; (3x)
And the gal I love
Is on that train and gone!

Twenty one years
To pay my awful Crime! (3x)
Twenty one years!
And I still got ninety Nine!