

Worried Man Blues

American Folk Song
arr. Gwyn Arch

Lively (♩ = c.160)

mp

Tenor I
1. It takes a wor-ried man
(2.) went a-cross the riv-

mp

Tenor II
1. It takes a wor-ried man
(2.) went a-cross the riv-

Baritone

Bass

mp

Piano
legg.

6

- er to sing a wor-ried song, Takes a wor-ried man, a wor-ried
and I lay down to sleep, Went a-cross the riv - er, I laid

- er to sing a wor-ried song, Takes a wor-ried man, to
and I lay down to sleep, Went a-cross the riv - er and

mf

1. I'm wor-ried, Takes a wor-ried man to
(2.) The riv - er, Went a-cross the riv - er and

mf

1. A wor-ried man
(2.) I went a - cross

11

man. Takes a wor-ried man to sing a wor-ried song.
down. Went a-cross the riv-er, I laid down to sleep.

sing a wor-ried song. It takes a ve-ry wor-ried man to sing a wor-ried song.
I lay down to sleep. I went a-cross the ra-ging riv-er I laid down to sleep.

sing a wor-ried song, Yes, a wor-ried
I lay down to sleep. I laid down to

Sings this song. Takes a wor-ried man to sing this
laid down to sleep. Went a-cross the ri-ver to

cresc.

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p
— I'm wor-ried now but I won't be wor-ried long. 2. I
— When I woke up I had shack-les on my feet.

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mp
man. I'm wor-ried now but I won't be wor-ried long.
sleep. When I woke up I had shack-les on my feet.

mp *mf*
song. But I won't be wor-ried long.
sleep. Woke with shack-les on my feet.

mp *f*

Ped.

21

3. Twen-ty nine links of chain, Bound a-round my leg, _

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mp *mf* *mf* *mf* *mp*

25

nine and twen-ty links of chain bound a-round my poor old leg. All those, all those

nine and twen-ty links of chain bound a-round my poor old leg. All those links

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bound a-round my poor old leg. All those links

mp *f* *f* *mf*

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1. It takes a wor-ried man to sing a wor-ried song...
(2.) went a-cross the riv-er and I lay down to sleep...

3 *mp*

Tenor II
1. It takes a wor-ried man to sing a wor-ried song...
(2.) went a-cross the riv-er and I lay down to sleep...

3 *mf*

Baritone
1. I'm wor-ried,
(2.) The riv-er,

3

Bass

8

Takes a wor-ried man, a wor-ried man.
Went a-cross the riv-er, I laid down.

Takes a wor-ried man, to sing a wor-ried song...
Went a-cross the riv-er and I lay down to sleep...

Takes a wor-ried man, to sing a wor-ried song...
Went a-cross the riv-er and I lay down to sleep...

mf

1. A wor-ried man Sings this
(2.) I went a-cross laid down to

12

cresc. *p*
Takes a wor-ried man to sing a wor-ried song... I'm wor-ried
Went a-cross the riv-er, I laid down to sleep... When I woke

cresc. *mp*
It takes a ve-ry wor-ried man to sing a wor-ried song... I'm wor-ried
I went a-cross the ra-ging riv-er I laid down to sleep... When I woke

cresc. *mp*
Yes, a wor-ried man. I'm wor-ried
I laid down to sleep. When I woke

cresc.

song. Takes a wor-ried man to sing this song.
sleep. Went a-cross the ri-ver to sleep.

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now but I won't be wor-ried long. 2. I
up I had shack-les on my feet.

mp *mf*

But I won't be wor-ried long.
Woke with shack-les on my feet.

21

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mp *mf*

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nine and twen-ty links of chain bound a-round my poor old leg.
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mp *mf*

bound a-round my poor old leg.
bound a-round my poor old leg.