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DOWN THE DIRT ROAD BLUES

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Discover the three part pattern in each stanza. This is a combination of the way the words flow (the rhythm of each line), and the rhyme scheme (the last word of each line). On the lines to the left of each line give each line a letter. The first line will be "A". Of the next line is the same (or very similar) it would be "A" as well. if it's different it would be "B" following the alphabet.

At the end, is there a pattern in each stanza that you see?

_____ I'm goin' away to Illinois
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_____ I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long

_____ My rider got somethin', she's tryin'a keep it hid
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_____ Lord, I got somethin' to find that somethin' with

_____ I feel like choppin', chips flyin' everywhere
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_____ I've been to the Nation, Lord, but I couldn't stay there

_____ Some people say them oversea blues ain't bad (Why, of course they are)
_____ Some people say them oversea blues ain't bad (What was a-matter with 'em)
_____ It must not a-been them oversea blues I had

_____ Every day seem like murder here (My God, I'm no sheriff)
_____ Every day seem like murder here
_____ I'm gonna leave tomorrow, I know you don't bid my care

_____ Can't go down any dirt road by myself
_____ Can't go down any dirt road by myself (My Lord, who ya gonna carry?)
_____ I don't carry mine, gonna carry me someone else