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

____ I feel like choppin', chips flyin' everywhere
____ I feel like choppin', chips flyin' everywhere
____ 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