

Financial problems, considering bankruptcy, feeling hopeless? Listen to Pete See

Pete Seeger, America's legendary folk singer and activist, died recently at age 94, leaving a legacy of song and hope. Arlo Guthrie, son of Woody Guthrie and a great folk singer in his own right, said of Pete Seeger, "He would just wave his hand, and you could hear people singing." I invite you to take five minutes to watch and listen to his 1970 performance (with Johnny Cash) of the *Worried Man Blues*.



About three minutes into the five-minute song, after a judge has sentenced him to twenty-one years on the Rocky Mountain Line, he says ...

"This song is the whole human race. Crossed that river and I fell fast asleep, woke up with shackles on my feet.

That's everybody's history.

Crossed the ocean, we thought we solved all our problems. You have that revolution, you get that home, you get that job, you think you solved all your problems. You cross that river and found you have shackles on your feet. And who's the judge, just some old guy 74 years old in black robes? Might be the young judging the old, or the poor judging the rich.

But no matter what mistakes we made, we still have a last verse that holds out hope. It says...

I looked down the track just as far as I could see,

I looked down the track just as far as I could see,

I looked down the track just as far as I could see,

A little bitty hand was waving back at me.

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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