

GONNA LAY MY HEAD

Wikipedia lists 38 recorded covers of this song since it was written in 1924 by jazz pianist Richard M. Jones. It quickly became a blues standard, and many artists added lyrics of their own. I have included my favorite verses from a variety of sources in this transcription. The song can be found in a variety of styles, treatments and chord progressions. The Jerry Garcia Acoustic Band's 1987 version is based on the chords shown here. You can listen to it here: <https://youtu.be/2cwh8bIFILo?si=KXj16mVQx1bEWdeY>

TROUBLE IN MIND

by Richard M. Jones

C **G7(E7)*** **C7** **F**
Trouble in mind I'm blue but I won't be blue always
 C **A7** **D7** **G7** **C**
Cause the sun's gonna shine in my back-door someday

I'm gonna lay my head on some lonesome railroad line
And let that 2:19 train pacify my mind

I'm all alone at midnight, and my lamp is burnin' low
I never seen so much trouble in my life before.

You been a hard-hearted daddy, and you sure treat me unkind
I'll be a hard-hearted mama – I'll make you lose your mind.

Trouble in mind I'm blue I have almost lost my mind
Sometimes I feel like living sometimes I feel like dying

I'm going down to the river gonna take me a rocking chair
And if the blues don't leave me I'll rock away from here

Trouble in mind I'm blue my old heart is beating slow
I ain't had so such trouble in my life before

My good gal she done quit me and it sure does leave my mind
When you see me laughing it's laughing to keep from crying

**Play E7 for a
swing harmony
feel. Play G7
for a folk or
country feel.*