

This song was not composed by Lead Belly, but is a traditional song that he seems to have been the first to record. Though popular in the folk music and bluegrass community for decades, this song received its greatest boost when **Nirvana** performed it on *MTV Unplugged* in 1993, and Kurt Cobain referred to Lead Belly as his favorite performer ever. The song is played in E major, but to sing it like Lead Belly you need to start the first note on the word “my” a little flat – around a G note – and slide up in the direction of the G# that is contained in the **E** chord. You can hear this song performed by Lead Belly at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsfcUZBMSSg>

Traditional

E **A** **G**
My girl, my girl don't you lie to me –
B7 **E**
Tell me where did you sleep last night.
E **A** **G**
In the pines, in the pines where the sun don't ever shine
B7 **E**
And I shivered the whole night through.

My girl, my girl tell me where will you go?
I'm goin' where the cold winds blow.
In the pines, in the pines where the sun don't ever shine
And I shivered the whole night through.

My husband was a hard workin' man --
Killed a mile and a half from here.
His head was found in a driver wheel,
And his body has never been found.

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