

# Pat Alger·Tony Arata



*This was written one evening while frying up shrimp with one of my dearest friends in this world, Scott Miller. It wound up being recorded by a musical hero of ours and everybody else's — one Delbert McClinton. If I thought for even a moment that there was some correlation between shrimp and all the good things that this song has seen happen to it, I would eat nothing else.*

## I USED TO WORRY

(Tony Arata, Scott Miller)

*Recorded live at the Bluebird Café,  
Nashville, TN with J. Fred Knobloch,  
Kirk "Jelly Roll" Johnson and Thom Schuyler*

I used to worry where all of my money had gone  
Until I wound up with nothing  
to spend my money on  
I used to guard my time like diamonds and pearls  
Until I wound up with nothing  
but all the time in the world

*Just to think I used to worry about things like that  
I was so worried about the rich and skinny  
You know I wound up poor and fat  
So nowadays I kinda worry  
Where my mind's been at  
Just to think I used to worry about things like that*

I used to worry about making the grade  
Hanging out with the right kinda people and  
Playing their games I'd throw a party  
and they'd be wall to wall  
But in a lonely minute I had no one to call  
Just to think I used to worry about things like that

Just to think I  
Can't believe I used to worry

I used to worry where my money had gone  
Until I wound up with nothing  
to spend that money on

*(Chorus)*

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