HARD TRAVELIN’
in the Great Recession

The original song by Woody Guthrie had verses dating from the Great Depression of the 1930s. These new verses, collected from different sources and mostly based on Woody’s original lyrics, came from the 2008 Great Recession.

Chords:  D - - - / D - E A /
        D - G G7 / D A D - //

Chorus: (by Woody Guthrie):
I been havin’ some hard travelin’, I thought you knowed,
I been havin’ some hard travelin’, way down the road,
I been havin’ some hard travelin’, hard ramblin’, hard gamblin’,
I been havin’ some hard travelin’, Lord.

1. I been workin’ that sharin’ economy, I thought you knowed,
   I been drivin’ both Lyft and Uber, way down the road,
   Drivin’ all night with a worried mind, payin’ passengers’re hard to find,
   I been havin’ some hard travelin’, Lord.

2. I been hittin’ some hard harvestin’, I thought you knowed,
   All along that Central Valley, way down the road,
   Plantin’ lettuce, pickin’ peas, tryin’ to dodge the I.C.E.,
   I been havin’ some hard travelin’, Lord.

3. I been cookin’ them fast food burgers, I thought you knowed,
   I been workin’ that deep fat fryer, way down the road,
   Spreadin’ ketchup, grillin’ buns, grease in th’ air and workin’ on the run,
   I been havin’ some hard travelin’, Lord.

4. I been lyin’ in a county jail, I thought you knowed,
   I been hopin’ to find some bail, way down the road,
   Mean old cop says to me, Boy you can’t live in your R.V.,
   I been havin’ some hard travelin’, Lord.