

# Up on Cripple Creek

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When I get off of this mountain, you know where I want to go?

    Straight down the Mississippi river, to the Gulf of Mexico  
    To Lake Charles, Louisiana, little Bessie, girl that I once knew  
    She told me just to come on by, if there's anything she could do

Up on Cripple Creek she sends me

    If I spring a leak she mends me  
    I don't have to speak, she defends me  
    A drunkard's dream if I ever did see one

Good luck had just stung me, to the race track I did go

    She bet on one horse to win and I bet on another to show

    The odds were in my favor, I had 'em five to one

When that nag to win came around the track, sure enough she had won

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I took up all of my winnings, and I gave my little Bessie half

    And she tore it up and threw it in my face, just for a laugh

Now there's one thing in the whole wide world, I sure would like to see

    That's when that little love of mine, dips her doughnut in my tea

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Now me and my mate were back at the shack, we had Spike Jones on the box

    She said, "I can't take the way he sings, but I love to hear him talk"

    Now that just gave my heart a throb, to the bottom of my feet

    And I swore and I took another pull, my Bessie can't be beat

Now there's a flood out in California and up north it's freezing cold

    And this living on the road is getting pretty old

    So I guess I'll call up my big mama, tell her I'll be rolling in

    But you know, deep down, I'm kind of tempted

To go and see my Bessie again.

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