

Bob Dylan & The Band

"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, a girl that I once knew
And 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, and she mends me
I don't have to speak, and she defends me
A drunkard's dream if I ever did see one

Good luck had just stung me
So to the race track I did go
I bet on one horse to win
And Bessie bet on another to show

The odds were in my favor
You know I had 'em five to one
That nag to win came around the track
Me and little Bessie had won

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So I pick up all of my winnings
And I gave my little Bessie half
She tore it up and threw it in my face
Just for a laugh

Now that just made my heart a fall
To the bottom of my feet
And I swore as I took another pull
My Bessie can't be beat

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Well 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 there's one thing in the whole wide world
I sure would love to see
That's when that little sweet thing of mine
Dips her dough nut in my tea

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Now, it's hot in California
And up north it's freezing cold
And this living off the road
Is getting pretty old

So I guess I'll call up my big mama
And tell her I'll be rolling in
But you know deep down, I was kinda tempted
To go and see my Bessie again

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