

Josh Ritter "Best For The Best"

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a shirt out of fives and dimes Now she's gone but when
I wear it she crosses my mind And if the best is for the
best then the best is unkind

I realized that Illinois was more than I could stand They
say working's best cause poverty is hell on a man Now I
ride a lazy river through the Mississippi fan And if the
best is for the best then the best can be damned

I spent a few years on the Queen of Spain She was a
leaky little boat that went up in flames When the boiler
blew some people started naming names But if the
best is for the best I guess the best is to blame

I spent a few more as the Cairo Crown A heavyweight
wrestler in the Midwest towns But I was lonesome for a
girl who could pin me down They say the best is for the
best but that's not what I've found

Now I listen to my sweetheart and I listen to my thirst I
don't spend time listening to other people's words
Sometimes they're right most times the reverse They
say the best is for the best when the best's for the
worse

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