

## **Merle Haggard**

# **"Better Off When I Was Hungry"**

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I read, they're havin' rain in California  
And Lord, I hope that you're not gettin' wet  
That's the only way on earth  
I have for knowin' how you're doin'  
When you left, you said, you call but you ain't yet

And I think I was better off when I was hungry  
And fightin' off the wolfs from our front door  
But I wrote this song and it came on strong  
And left you once too often  
Now I think I was better off when I was hungry

My guitar brought us here to Bonmat, Texas  
And I bought you everything your eyes could see  
But the mansion couldn't hold you  
Could nobody's arms to warm you  
I guess I gave you everything but me

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