

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-girl that I once
knew
She told me just to come on by, if there's anything that
she could do

Up on Cripple Creek she sends me
If I spring a leak, she mends me
And 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 we had won

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I took 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 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 as I took another pull, my Bessie can't be
beat

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There's a flood out 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, 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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