

# UP ON CRIPPLE CREEK

The Band

**1, 2 / 1, 2, 3, 4 /**

**[C]/[C]/[C]/[C]**

When **[C]** I get off of this mountain, you **[F]** know where I want to go? **[F]**  
**[C]** Straight down the **[F]** Mississippi River to the **[G7]** Gulf of Mexico **[G7]**  
To **[C]** Lake Charles, Louisiana, little **[F]** Bessie, a girl I once knew  
**[C]** She told me just to **[F]** come on by if there's **[G7]** anything that she could do **[G7]**

**[C]** Up on Cripple Creek, she sends me  
**[F]** If I spring a leak, she mends me  
**[G7]** I don't have to speak, she defends me  
A **[Am]** drunkard's dream if I **[Bb]** ever did see one **[Bb]**↓ **2, 3, 4 / 1, 2, 3, 4 /**

**[C]** Good luck had just stung me, to the **[F]** race track I did go **[F]**  
**[C]** She bet on **[F]** one horse to win and I **[G7]** bet on another to show  
The **[C]** odds were in my favour, I **[F]** had `em five to one  
**[C]** When that nag to **[F]** win came around the track  
**[G7]** Sure enough she had won **[G7]**

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I **[C]** took up all of my winnings, and I **[F]** gave my little Bessie half **[F]**  
**[C]** And she tore it up and **[F]** threw it in my face, **[G7]** just for a laugh **[G7]**  
Now **[C]** there's one thing in the whole wide world **[F]** I sure would like to see **[F]**  
**[C]** That's when that little **[F]** love of mine dips her **[G7]** doughnut in my tea **[G7]**

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Now **[C]** me and my mate were back at the shack, we had **[F]** Spike Jones on the box  
**[C]** She says, "I can't take the **[F]** way he sings, but I **[G7]** love to hear him talk." **[G7]**  
Now **[C]** that just gave my heart a throb, to the **[F]** bottom of my feet **[F]**  
**[C]** And I swore as I **[F]** took another pull, my **[G7]** Bessie can't be beat **[G7]**

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There's a [C] flood out in California, and up [F] north it's freezing cold [F]  
[C] And this living [F] off the road, is [G7] getting pretty old [G7]  
So I [C] guess I'll call up my big mama, tell her [F] I'll be rolling in [F]  
But you [C] know deep down, I'm [F] kind of tempted  
To [G7] go and see my Bessie again

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