

Up On Cripple Creek chords by The Band



Up On Cripple Creek
The Band 1969

G

G **C**
When I get off of this mountain, you know where I want to go?

G **C** **D**
Straight down the Mississippi river, to the Gulf of Mexico

G **C**
To Lake Charles, Louisiana, little Bessie, girl that I once knew

G **C** **D**
She told me just to come on by, if there's anything she could do

G

Up on Cripple Creek she sends me

C
If I spring a leak she mends me

D
I don't have to speak, she defends me

Em **F**
A drunkard's dream if I ever did see one

G

C
Good luck had just stung me, to the race track I did go

G **C** **D**
She bet on one horse to win and I bet on another to show

G **C**
The odds were in my favor, I had 'em five to one

G **C** **D**
When that nag to win came around the track, sure enough we had won

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C
I took up all of my winnings, and I gave my little Bessie half

G **C** **D**
And she tore it up and threw it in my face, just for a laugh

G **C**
Now there's one thing in the whole wide world, I sure do like to see

G **C** **D**
That's how that little sweet thing of mine, dips her doughnut in my tea

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

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

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