

# Merle Haggard, Are The Good Times Really Over

I wish a buck was still silver and it was back when the country was strong.  
Back before Elvis and before the Vietnam war came along.  
Before the Beatles and yesterday when a man could still work and still would.  
Is the best of the free life behind us now, and are the good times really over for good?

Are we rollin' downhill like a snowball headed for hell?  
With no kind of chance for the flag or the liberty bell?  
I wish a Ford or a Chevy would still last ten years like they should.  
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I wish Coke was still cola and a joint was a bad place to be.  
It was back before Nixon lied to us all on TV.  
Before Microwave ovens when a girl could still cook, and still would.  
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Stop rollin' downhill like a snowball headed for hell.  
Standup for the flag, and let's all ring the liberty bell.  
Let's make a Ford and a Chevy that'll still last ten years like they should.  
The best of the free life is still yet to come, and the good times ain't over for good.