

# Band, Up On Cripple Creek (Alternate Take)

When I get off 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  
I don't have to speak, as 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 enought we had won  
Up on Cripple Creek, as she sends me  
If I spring a leak, as she mends me  
I don't have to speak, as she defends me  
A drunkard's dream if I ever did see one  
I took up all of my winnings  
And I gave my little Bessie half  
And 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

Up on Cripple Creek, as she sends me  
If I spring a leak, as she mends me  
I don't have to speak, as she defends me  
A drunkard's dream if I ever did see one  
Now me and my mate were back at the shack  
We had Spike Jones on the box  
She said, &quot;I can't take the way he sings  
But I love to hear him talk&quot;  
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  
Up on Cripple Creek, as she sends me  
If I spring a leak, as she mends me  
I don't have to speak, as she defends me  
A drunkard's dream if I ever did see one  
As there's a flood out in California  
And up North it's freezing cold  
And this living on the road  
Is getting pretty old  
So I guess, I'll call up my big mama  
Tell here I'll be rolling in  
But you know, deep down  
I'm kind of tempted  
To go and see my Bessie again  
Up on Cripple Creek, she sends me  
If I spring a leak, she mends  
I don't have to speak, she defends me  
A drunkard's dream if I ever did see one