# Up On Cripple Creek

Robbie Robertson 1969 (recorded by The Band)

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / [A] / [A] / [A] / [A]**

When **[A]** I get off of this mountain, you **[D]** know where I want to go? **[D]**

**[A]** Straight down the **[D]** Mississippi River to the **[E7]** Gulf of Mexico **[E7]**

To **[A]** Lake Charles, Louisiana, little **[D]** Bessie, a girl I once knew

**[A]** She told me just to **[D]** come on by if there's **[E7]** anything that she could do **[E7]**

**CHORUS:**

**[A]** Up on Cripple Creek, she sends me

**[D]** If I spring a leak, she mends me

**[E7]** I don't have to speak, she defends me

A **[F#m]** drunkard's dream if I **[G]** ever did see one **[G]↓ 2 3 4 / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[A]** Good luck had just stung me, to the **[D]** race track I did go **[D]**

**[A]** She bet on **[D]** onehorse to win and I **[E7]** bet on another to show

The **[A]** odds were in my favour, I **[D]** had ‘em five to one

**[A]** When that nag to **[D]** win came around the track

**[E7]** Sure enough she had won **[E7]**

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I **[A]** took up all of my winnings, and I **[D]** gave my little Bessie half **[D]**

**[A]** And she tore it up and **[D]** threw it in my face **[E7]** just for a laugh **[E7]**

Now **[A]** there's one thing in the whole wide world **[D]** I sure would like to see **[D]**

**[A]** That's when that little **[D]** love of mine dips her **[E7]** doughnut in my tea **[E7]**

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Now **[A]** me and my mate were back at the shack, we had **[D]** Spike Jones on the box

**[A]** She says, "I can't take the **[D]** way he sings, but I **[E7]** love to hear him talk" **[E7]**

Now **[A]** that just gave my heart a throb, to the **[D]** bottom of my feet **[D]**

**[A]** And I swore as I **[D]** took another pull, my **[E7]** Bessie can't be beat **[E7]**

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There's a **[A]** flood out in California, and up **[D]** north it's freezin’ cold **[D]**

**[A]** And this livin’ **[D]** off theroad, is **[E7]** gettin’ pretty old **[E7]**

So I **[A]** guess I'll call up my big mama, tell her **[D]** I'll be rollin’ in **[D]**

But you **[A]** know deep down, I'm **[D]** kind of tempted

To **[E7]** go and see my Bessie again

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