# Up On Cripple Creek

Robbie Robertson 1969 (recorded by The Band)

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**INTRO: / 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]**

**CHORUS:**

**[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]** onehorse 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 freezin’ cold **[F]**

**[C]** And this livin’ **[F]** off theroad, is **[G7]** gettin’ pretty old **[G7]**

So I **[C]** guess I'll call up my big mama, tell her **[F]** I'll be rollin’ 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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