

## Best For The Best

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Once I knew a girl in the hard hard times  
She made me a shirt out of fives and dimes  
Now she's gone but when I wear it she crosses my mind  
And if the best is for the best then the best is unkind

I realized that Illinois was more than I could stand  
They say working's best cause poverty is hell on a man  
Now I ride a lazy river through the Mississippi fan  
And if the best is for the best then the best can be damned

I spent a few years on the Queen of Spain  
She was a leaky little boat that went up in flames  
When the boiler blew some people started naming names  
But if the best is for the best I guess the best is to blame

I spent a few more as the Cairo Crown  
A heavyweight wrestler in the Midwest towns  
But I was lonesome for a girl who could pin me down  
They say the best is for the best but that's not what I've found

Now I listen to my sweetheart and I listen to my thirst  
I don't spend time listening to other people's words  
Sometimes they're right most times the reverse  
They say the best is for the best when the best's for the worse

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