

# Are The Good Times Really Over

Merle Haggard

I wish a buck was still silver  
It was back when the country was strong  
Back before Elvis  
Before the Vietnam war came along

Before The Beatles and 'Yesterday'  
When a man could still work, still would  
The best of the free life behind us now  
And are the good times really over for good?

Are we rolling down hill  
Like a snowball headed for Hell?  
With no kind of chance  
For the Flag or the Liberty Bell

Wish a Ford and a Chevy  
Could still last ten years, like they should  
Is the best of the free life behind us now?  
Are the good times really over for good?

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  
The best of the free life behind us now  
Are the good times really over for good?

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Like a snowball headed for Hell?  
With no kind of chance  
For the Flag or the Liberty Bell

Wish a Ford and a Chevy  
Could still last ten years, like they should  
Is the best of the free life behind us now?  
Are the good times really over for good?

Stop rolling down hill  
Like a snowball headed for Hell  
Stand up for the Flag  
And let's all ring the Liberty Bell

Let's make a Ford and a Chevy  
Still last ten years like they should  
The best of the free life is still yet to come  
The good times ain't over for good