

Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town

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You've painted up your lips
And rolled and curled your tinted hair
Ruby, are you contemplating
Goin' out somewhere? The shadow on the wall
Tells me the sun is going down
Oh Ruby, don't take your love to town It wasn't me that started
That old crazy Asian war
But I was proud to go
And do my patriotic chores And yes, it's true
I'm not the man that I used to be
Oh, but Ruby
I still need some company It's hard to love a man
Whose legs are bent and paralyzed
And the wants and the needs
Of a woman your age, Ruby, I realize But it won't be long, I've heard them say
Until I'm not around
Oh Ruby, don't take your love to town She's leaving now
'Cause I just heard the slamming of the door
The way I know
I've heard it slam one hundred times before And if I could move
I'd get my gun and put her in the ground
Oh Ruby, don't take your love to town
Ruby, for God sake's turn around

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