

Love Wore a Halo (Back Before the War)

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He owned a hotel on Jersey shore
She made her living seeing the sailors door to door
He was a small Hawaiian with a crooked smile
But he made her eyes light up like the heavens on the 4th of July
She ran the numbers, they say she ran them
clean
And those porcelain hands keep a ledger even in her sleeves
While he worked the See-Bees in the Philippines
They say she made more money than you and I will ever see
'Cause love was a magnet on the Jersey shore
If you were looking for love, boys, you could have found it in '44
'Cause love wore a halo back before the war
When the men loved the women
And the women knew what men were for
It was in the winter when he came home
And he had to hold those porcelain hands just to keep her warm
So they had a daughter, they named her Stephanie Anne
Hey, they sent her off to Vasser to find herself a family man
'Cause love was a magnet on the Jersey shore
If you were looking for love, boys, you could have found it in '44
'Cause love wore a halo back before the war
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And the women knew what men were for
She sold the hotel, it belongs to me
And I watch those sailors come and go by the waves in the sea
From the poor chaps in the honeymoon suite
And I hear their fishing their lives away in the Florida Keys
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