

# RUBY

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You've painted up your lips and rolled & curled your tinted hair  
... .. Ruby, are you contemplating going 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 chore  
And yes, it's true that I'm not the man I used to be  
... .. Oh, Ruby, - Don't take your love to town

It's hard to love a man whose legs are bent and paralyzed  
... .. And the wants & 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 - 2, 3, 4 ♦ 1, 2, 3, 4  
The way I know I've heard it slam  
one hundred times before - 2, 3, 4 ♦ 1, 2, 3, 4  
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  
..... Oh, Ruby, - for God's sakes, turn around.