

Kenny Rogers & The First Edition, Ruby, Don't Take Your Love To Town

(Mel Tillis)

You've painted up your lips
And rolled and 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, 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

Oh, Ruby, for God's sake, turn around