

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Dance Little Jean

I played a wedding for the money
And I wished I could have told the bride and groom
Just what I think of marriage and
What's in store after their honeymoon
And I was grumbling to the dancers
About how men and women ought to live apart
And how a promise never made can not be broken
And can never break a heart
Then suddenly from out of nowhere
A little girl came dancing cross the floor
And all her crillowins were billowin'
Beneath the skirt of calico that she wore
And oh, what a joy fell on the honored guests
As each one of them was drawn into her dream
And they laughed and stamped and clapped their hands
And hollered at her "Dance little Jean!"

[Chorus]

And they said: "Dance little Jean,
This day is for you,
Two people you love
Stood up to say "I do."
Dance little Jean,
A prayer that you had
Was answered today,
Your mama's marrying your dad."
Well, my cynical heart just melted
Cause I figured what this get together meant
How it ended years of tears
And sad confusion that little girl had spent
And they told the band to pack it up
About the time the couple cut the cake
But we played as long as they stayed
For love last and little Jeanie's sake

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