

Ruby, don't take your love to town

C **F** **G** **Dm**
1. You've painted up your lips and rolled and curled your tinted hair.

C **F** **G**
Ruby are you contemplating going out somewhere?

Dm **G** **Dm**
The shadows on the wall tell me the sun is going down.

C **F** **C** **Dm** tacet **C**
Oh Ruby, don't take your love to town.

Dm **C**
For it wasn't me that started that old crazy Asian war.

Dm **F** **G**
But I was proud to go and do my patriotic chores.

Dm **G** **Dm**
And yes it's true, that I'm not the man I used to be.

C **F** **C** **Dm** tacet **C**
Oh, Ruby, I still need some company.

C **F** **G** **Dm**
2. It's hard to love a man whose legs are bent and paralyzed.

C **F** **G**
And the wants and the needs of a woman your age, Ruby, I realize.

Dm **G** **Dm**
But it won't be long I heard them say until I'm not around.

C F C Dm tacet **C**
Oh Ruby, don't take your love to town.

C **F** **G** **Dm**
3. She's leaving now cause I just heard the slamming of a door.

C **F** **G**
The way I know I've heard it slam one hundred times before.

Dm **G** **Dm**
And if I could move I'd get my gun and put her in the ground.

C F C Dm tacet **C**
Oh Ruby, don't take your love to town.

C F C Dm tacet
Oh Ruby, for God's sake turn around.