

## **Brenda Lee**

# **"Ruby's Lounge"**

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(Stephen H Dorff - Milton L Brown)

Ruby's lounge was none too clean  
The lights never worked on the pinball machine  
The sawdust floor hadn't been swept in years  
Brass spittoons and padded stools  
The same collection of half drunk fools  
Joking with Ruby or cryin' in their beers

Ruby's Lounge had a neon sign  
The big old ugly blinkin' kind  
It said "Ruby's Lounge... Your Husband's Not Here"  
And ten cents played a jukebox tune  
Old songs like "Shine On Harvest Moon"  
And six bits bought a pitcher of cold draft beer

Oh Ruby, Ruby, time has flown  
And (look) how your little girl has grown  
Ruby's Lounge seems oh so far away  
But Ruby, you never stopped to rest  
So your little girl could have the best  
And I'll love you, mama, and Ruby's Lounge  
Until my dyin' day

Now Ruby's Lounge had a clientele  
They didn't dress, they didn't pay too well  
But ev'ry night you could count on 'em  
Droppin' in  
An occasional fight or a dirty word  
Wasn't nothin' that I hadn't heard  
And I've never left safer anywhere I've been

When a man was down without a friend  
Ruby always had a buck to lend  
And she'd set him up  
She'd say "Go on and drink one free"  
While I washed mugs and I cleaned the bar  
Oh I dreamed someday I'd be a big star  
But Ruby's Lounge was home sweet home to me

Oh Ruby, Ruby, time has flown  
And (look) how your little girl has grown

Ruby's Lounge seems oh so far away  
But Ruby, you never stopped to rest  
So your little girl could have the best  
And I'll love you, mama, and Ruby's Lounge  
Until my dyin' day

Oh Ruby, Ruby, how time has flown  
Oh look how your little girl has grown  
Ruby's Lounge seems oh so far away  
Bur Ruby you never stopped to rest  
And you sure gave your little girl the best  
And I'll love you, mama, and Ruby's Lounge  
Until my dyin' day...

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