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Griffith Nanci "Love Wore A Halo (back Before The War)"

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by Nanci Griffith He owned a hotel on Jersey shore She made her living seeing the sailors door to door He was a small Hawaiian with a crooked smile But he made her eyes light up like the heavens on the Fourth of July She ran the numbers, they say she ran them clean Those porcelain hands keep a ledger even in her sleeves While he worked the See-Bees in the Phillipines They say she made more money than you and I will ever see Chorus: Cause love was a magnet on the Jersey shore If you were looking for love boys, you could have found it in '44 Cause love wore a halo back before the war When the men loved the women And the women knew what men were for It was in the winter when he came home And he had to hold those porcelain hands just to keep her warm So they had a daughter, her name was Stephanie Anne They sent her off to Vasser to find herself a family man She sold the hotel; it belongs to me And I watch those sailors come and go by the waves in the sea From the poor chaps in the honeymoon suite And I hear them fishing their lives away in the Florida Keys

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