

## Mel Tillis

# "Ruby Don't Take Your Love To Town"

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You've painted up your lips  
And rolled and curled your tinted hair  
Ruby, are you contemplating  
Goin' 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 chores

And yes, it's true  
I'm not the man that I used to be  
Oh, but 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  
Ruby, for God sake's turn around

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