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"Love Wore A Halo (Back Before The War)"

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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
4th of July

She ran the numbers, they say she ran them clean
And those porcelain hands keep a ledger even in her
sleeves
While he worked the See-Bees in the Philippines
They say she made more money than you and I will
ever see

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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, they named her Stephanie
Anne
Hey, they sent her off to Vassar to find herself a family
man

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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 their fishing their lives away in the Florida
Keys

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