

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

"Dance Little Jean"

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I played a wedding for the money,
and I wished I could've tell the bride and groom
Just what I think of marriage
And what's in store after their honeymoon.

and I was grumblin' to the dancers
'bout how men and women ought to live apart
And how a promise never made can not be broken
And can never break a heart

then suddenly from out of nowhere,
A little girl came dancing 'cross the floor,
And all her crinolines were billowing
Beneath the skirt of calico that she wore.
Oh what a joy fell on the honored guests
As each one of them was drawn into her dream,
And they laughed and stamped and clapped thier
hands
And hollered at her "Dance little Jean"

Dance, little Jean, this day is for you,
Two people you love, stood up to say "I do"
Dance little Jean, the prayer that you had
Was answered today
Your mama's marrying your dad

Well, my cynical heart just melted
'Cause I figured what this get together ment
How it ended years of tears and sad confusion
That the little girl had spent.
and they told the band to pack it up
About the time the couple cut the cake,
But we played as long as they stayed
For love and laughs and little Jeanie's sake.

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