When I was five
I put on Mama's high heel shoes
And paint my face
And dance across the living room
In Ruby's place
Well the music was always playing
Girls laugh while the men were sayin'

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At seventeen I had me a diamond
And a string of pearls
The men said they preffered me
To the other girls
They took me to the best places
But I could read it on their faces

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Then when Mama died I made up my mind To get on a Greyhound , get out of this town  $\mbox{And leave}$  it all behind

But life goes on
A child of three smiles up at me
While she plays
The man I love has never heard of "Ruby's Place"
When he holds her with affection
And he uses that old expression

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