

# Game Number Nine

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Y'all looka here...

I said to my self late one night  
My line was gettin' rusty  
So I thought I'd try Game Number Nine  
'Cause it had always been my trusty...You see...

Game Number Nine was the one where I'd smile  
And said some real clever things  
Like..."Where you been girl all of my life,  
Hey!...You ought to hear me sing"

Now Game Number Nine had never failed me  
It was tried, tested and true  
And Game Number Nine was in action  
As I worked my game on you...Like this...

Now girl I don't mean no harm...But you know...  
You seemed kind of dumb at first  
And I thought a Nine just might be too strong  
You giggled and smiled and you didn't talk too much  
But I knew that wasn't gon' last too long

You started asking me about my employment  
And did I have any traveling plans  
And where did I spend most of my nights  
'Cause you were lookin' for a full time man

And there was so many things in life that you'd always wanted to do  
And of course a man with my intelligence it seemed to fit right nice with yo  
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Ah, you like that?

Now girl, remember...  
Before to long you started askin' me about a pretty little ring you saw  
And I found myself downtown one day walking towards the jewelry store  
I said to the man "Hey!...I just want to look, 'cause I ain't ready to buy"  
And uh, just then you walked up behind me and you said  
"Can I please try it on for size?"

Now it seemed like only yesterday  
That I worked Number Nine so sweet  
But it didn't turn out the way I planned it  
As I went down in defeat

Oh I was scared...Oh, Oh

Looka here...  
Now Nine had always been my best shot  
All my partners said it was tough  
They all knew about my Magic Nine  
But it was hard to copy my stuff

Now maybe you can tell me honey  
Uh, just where Number Nine was weak  
Come on baby tell me, uh, before we go to sleep

Now darling, I ain't lost a Game of Nine  
Since the year can remember when  
As I turned out the light you whispered to me...  
"I used a Number Ten"

Yea you did, you know you did  
Ah hah, oh yea...