

BEHIND THOSE BIG CLOSED DOORS

(Lyrics by Larry Stephenson)

Key D: melody to Knoxville Girl, ¾ time

D **G** **D**
Ruby was just seventeen, but she has been around,
A7
And when the town folks talked of her they always run her down.
D **G** **D**
They laughed and judged and criticized and though it always hurt,
A7 **D**
Ruby just smiled the pain away and never said one word.

G **D**
But there were things the town folks, would never, ever know
A7
About the life that she had lived, but never, ever told.
D **G** **D**
Ruby held some deep inside, the pain from years before,
A7 **D**
From things that tore her life in two, behind those big closed doors.

G **D**
Her daddy drank most every night when neighbors could not see
A7
Inside that house they called a home, his voice grew loud and mean.
D **G** **D**
Ruby lost her innocence, when she was only four,
A7 **D**
But no one seemed to care to look behind those big closed doors.

Break (optional)

G **D**
When mommy whipped her way too hard, she prayed to God above,
A7
Silently she asked Him please show mommy how much I need love.
D **G** **D**
But years passed by till she became someone that others judged,
A7 **D**
When she turned to men to try to find what she thought was love.

G **D**
There may be someone that you know you say they live in sin,
A7
But God's the one who knows their lives and sees them from within.
D **G** **D**
Take heed, don't laugh, don't criticize, don't judge them anymore,
A7 **D**
For you have never lived their life behind those big closed doors.