In a pawn shop in Chicago
On a sunny summer day
A couple gazes at the wedding rings there on display

She smiles and nods her head
As he says, "Honey that's for you
It's not much, but it's the best that I can do"

Golden ring with one tiny little stone Waiting there for someone to take it home By itself, it's just a cold metallic thing Only love can make a golden wedding ring

In a little wedding chapel, later on that afternoon An old upright piano plays that old familiar tune Tears roll down her cheeks
And happy thoughts run through her head
As he whispers low, with this ring, I thee wed

Golden ring with one tiny little stone Shining ring, now at last, it's found a home By itself, it's just a cold metallic thing Only love can make a golden wedding ring

In a small two-room apartment
As they fought their final round
He says, "You won't admit it
But I know you're leavin' town"

She says, "One thing's for certain I don't love you anymore"
And throws down the ring
As she walks out the door

Golden ring with one tiny little stone Cast aside, like the love that's dead and gone By itself, it's just a cold metallic thing Only love can make a golden wedding ring

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