

SHIRLEY (White female, 50s, Supporting Role): A faded former cheerleader holding on to the glory days and has a knack for tacky crafts

EXT. RECORD BOOTH AT SWAP MEET - DAY

Shirley overhears a conversation at the swap meet between Charlie, Louie, and Barry. It brings back memories of her high school dance. As Charlie edges closer, Shirley speaks up.

SHIRLEY
Those are handmade.

Charlie nods and looks away. Shirley eyes Charlie up and down and smiles big.

SHIRLEY
There was a live band at my high school dance. They were called The Five Man Trip.

Charlie's head shoots back to Shirley.

CHARLIE
What?

SHIRLEY
They played the dance halls and the roller rink. I had girlfriends that were crazy about 'em but that was the only time I ever saw 'em. And there WEREN'T 5 of 'em.

CHARLIE
What... What did they play?

Louie steps over to listen.

SHIRLEY
Just dance songs. They took requests!

CHARLIE
Did you know any of them?

SHIRLEY
No, honey. I sure didn't. They came in from out of town. But I'll never forget that night. The whole gym

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SHIRLEY (cont'd)
was decked out in pink and green.
Just like a flower! I was on the
decorating committee. The whole
squad was.

CHARLIE
Do you remember a song called
Rusted Roof?

Shirley gazes thoughtfully up at her umbrella but shakes her head. Charlie digs in her bag and pulls out the photograph of her father.

CHARLIE
What about this guy? Did you see
him?

Shirley pulls down her sunglasses to look.

SHIRLEY
(to Charlie)
If I don't remember, it's because I
got whirled around the dance floor
too much. I was the most popular
girl even though I was a freshman!
(to Louie, in a whisper)
And I think there might have been a
railroad spike in that punch!

She GIGGLES.

END SCENE