

# Love At The Five And Dime

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Rita was sixteen years  
Hazel eyes and chestnut hair  
She made the Woolworth counter shine And Eddie was a sweet romancer  
And a darn good dancer  
And they waltzed the aisles of the five and dime And they'd sing  
Dance a little closer to me  
Hey, dance a little closer now  
Dance a little closer tonight Dance a little closer to me  
Hey, it's closing time  
And love's on sale  
Tonight at this five and dime Eddie played the steel guitar  
And his mama cried 'cause he played in the bars  
And he kept young Rita out late at night Soon they married up in Abilene  
Lost a child in Tennessee  
But still that love survived And they'd sing  
Dance a little closer to me  
Hey, dance a little closer now  
Dance a little closer tonight One of the boys in Eddie's band  
Took a shine to Rita's hand  
So , Eddie ran off with the bass man's wife Oh, but he was back by June  
Singin' a different tune  
Sporting Miss Rita back by his side And they'd sing  
Dance a little closer to me  
Hey, dance a little closer now  
Dance a little closer tonight Eddie played in the barroom band  
'Til arthritis took his hands  
Now he sells insurance on the side And Rita's got her house to keep  
She sells dime store novels with a love so sweet  
And they dance to the radio late at night and still sing And they'd sing  
Dance a little closer to me  
Hey, dance a little closer now  
Dance a little closer tonight

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