

# 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  
They'd waltz the aisles of the five and dimeNow Eddie played the steel guitar and his mama cried  
'Cause he played in the bars and kept young Rita out late at night  
So they married up in Abilene, lost a child in Tennessee  
Oh, still that love survived 'cause they'd singDance a little closer to me, dance a little closer now  
Dance a little closer tonight  
Dance a little closer to me 'cause it's closing time  
And love's on sale tonight at this five and dimeOne of the boys in Eddie's band took a shine to Rita's hands  
So Eddie ran off with the bass man's wife  
Oh, but he was back by June singing a different tune  
And sporting Miss Rita back by his side and he sangDance a little closer to me, dance a little closer now  
Dance a little closer tonight  
Dance a little closer to me 'cause it's closing time  
And love's on sale tonight at this five and dimeEddie traveled with the barroom bands till arthritis took his hands  
Now he sells insurance on the side  
And Rita's got a house to keep dime store novels and a love so sweet  
They dance to the radio late at night and they singDance a little closer to me, dance a little closer now  
Dance a little closer tonight  
Dance a little closer to me 'cause it's closing time  
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