

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 dime
Now 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 sing
Dance 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 dime
One 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 sang
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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 dime
Eddie 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 sing
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