## Little Man

## **Tim Timmons**

I remember walkin' 'round the court square sidewalk Lookin' in windows at things I couldn't want There's Johnson's hardware and Morgan's jewelry And the old Lee King's apothecary They ware the little man, the little man I go back now and the stores are empty Except for an old coke sign dated 1950 Boarded up like they never existed Or renovated and called historic districts There goes the little man, there goes the little man Now the court square's just a set of streets That the people go round but they seldom think 'Bout the little man that built this town Before the big money shut them down And killed the little man, oh the little man He pumped your gas and he cleaned your glass And one cold rainy night, he fixed your flat The new stores came where you do it yourself You buy a lotto ticket and food off the shelf Forget the little man, forget about that little man He hung on there for a few more years He couldn't sell Slurpees, he wouldn't sell beer Now the bank rents the station to a man down the road And they sell velvet Elvis and second-hand clothes There goes little man, there goes another little man Now the court square's just a set of streets That the people go 'round but they seldom think Bout the little man that built this town Before the big money shut them down And killed the little man, oh the little man Now the stores are lined up in a concrete strip You can buy the whole world in just one trip And save a penny 'cause it's jumbo size They don't even realize They're killin' the little man, oh the little man And the court square's just a set of streets That the people go 'round but they seldom think 'Bout the little man that built this town Before the big money shut them down

And killed the little man, oh the little man
It wasn't long ago when I was a child
An old black man came with his mule and his plow
He broke the ground where we grew our garden
Back before we'd all forgotten
About the little man, the little man
Long live the little man
God bless the little man

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