

# Kathy Mattea, Love At The Five & Dime

Rita was 16 years  
Hazel eyes and chestnut hair  
She made the Woolworth counter shine  
And Eddie was a sweet romancer  
And a darn good dancer  
When they'd waltz the aisles of the five and dime

Now Eddie played the steel guitar  
And his mama cried as he played in the bars  
He kept young Rita out late at night  
So they married up in Abilene  
Lost a child in Tennessee  
Oh, and 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 hand  
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  
Dance a little closer to me  
Dance a little closer now  
Dance a little closer tonight  
Dance a little closer to me  
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Eddie traveled with the barroom band  
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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