

# Nanci Griffith, Love At The Five And Dime

Rita was sixteen years, hazel eyes  
and Chestnut hair.  
She made the Woolworth counter shine.  
And Eddie was a sweet romancer and darn good dancer.  
And they'd waltz the aisles of the five and dime.  
And they'd sing:

CHORUS:

Dance a little closer to me.  
Dance a little closer now.  
Dance a little closer tonight.  
Dance a little closer to me.  
Hey, its closing time and love's on sale tonight at this five and dime.

Eddie played the steel guitar  
and his momma cried 'cause he played in the bars.  
And he kept young Rita out late at night.  
So they married up in Abeline  
Lost a child in Tennessee.  
But still that ? survived.

'Cause they'd sing:

CHORUS

One of the boy's in Eddie's band took a shine at 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 He'd sing:

CHORUS

Eddie traveled with the bar room men.  
'Til arthritis took his hands.  
Now he sells insurance on the side.  
And Rita's got her house to keep.  
She writes dime store novels of the love so sweet.  
They dance to the radio late at night.

And still sing:

CHORUS

(First verse again)