

Kathy Mattea

"Dance A Little Closer"

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rita was 16 years
hazel eyes and chestnut hair
she really made the woolworth counter shine

and eddy was a sweet romancer
and a darn good dancer
and they'd waltz the isles of the 5 and dime

and eddy played the steel guitar
and his momma 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 tenessee
oh but still their love survived

cause theyd sing
dance a little closer to me
dance a little closer now
dance a little closer tonight
dance a little closer to me
cause its closing time
and loves on sale tonight at this five and dime

one of the boys in eddys band
took a shine to ritas hand
so eddy ran off with the basemans wife
oh but he was back by june
singing a different tune
and sporting miss rita back by his side

and he said
dance a little closer to me
dance a little closer now
dance a little closer tonight
dance a little closer to me
cause its cloing time and loves on sale tonight at this
five and dime

eddy traveled with the barroom bands
til arthritis took his hands

and now he sells insurance on the side
and Rita got a house to keep
dime store novels and a love so sweet
they danced to the radio late at night

and they 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 the
five and dime

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