

## **Kathy Mattea**

### **"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  
Eddie was a sweet romancer, and a darn good dancer  
They'd waltz the aisles of the five and dime

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... it's closing time  
And love's on sale tonight at this five and dime

Eddie played the steel guitar and his mama cried 'cuz  
he played in the bars  
And kept young Rita out late at night  
So, they married up in Abilene... lost a child in  
Tennessee  
Still, that love survived

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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... singin' a different tune  
And sportin' Miss Rita back by his side

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Eddie traveled with the barroom bands... till arthritis  
took his hands  
Now he sells insurance on the side  
Rita's got a house to keep... dime store novels and a  
love so sweet  
They dance to the radio late at night

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