

Love At the Five and Dime (G)

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G **Am7** **C** **G**
Rita was sixteen years, hazel eyes and chestnut hair, she really made the Woolworth counter shine
G **Am7** **C** **G**
Eddie was a sweet romancer and a darn good dancer, they'd waltz the aisles of the five and dime.
G **Am7** **C** **G**
Eddie played the steel guitar, his mama cried 'cuz he played in the bars and kept young Rita out late at night
G **Am7** **C** **G**
So they married up in Abilene, lost a child in Tennessee, still that love survived 'cause they'd sing:

G **Am7** **G** **G** **Am7**
Dance a little closer to me, dance a little closer now, dance a little closer tonight
G **Am7** **C** **Am7** **D** **G**
Dance a little closer to me, 'cause it's closing time and love's on sale tonight at the five and dime

G **Am7** **C** **G**
One of the boys in Eddie's band, he took a shine to Rita's hands, so Eddie ran off with the bass man's wife
G **Am7** **C** **G**
Oh but he was back by June, singin' a different tune and sportin' miss Rita back by his side. And he sang:

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G **Am7** **C** **G**
Eddie travelled with the barroom bands, 'til arthritis took his hands, now he sells insurance on the side
G **Am7** **C** **G**
Rita's got a house to keep, dimestore novels and a love so sweet, they dance to the radio late at night.
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And they'd sing:

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