

Jessie's Girl

(Rick Springfield)

[Verse 1]

Jessie is a friend
Yeah I know he's been a good friend
of mine
But lately something's changed
That ain't hard to define
Jessie's got himself a girl
And I want to make her mine

[Pre-Chorus]

And she's watching him with those
eyes
And she's lovin' him with that body
I just know it
And he's holding her in his arms late,
late at night

[Chorus]

You know I wish that I had Jessie's
girl
I wish that I had Jessie's girl
Where can I find a woman like that?

[Verse 2]

I'll play along with this charade
That doesn't seem to be a reason to
change
You know I feel so dirty
When they start talking cute
I wanna tell her that I love her
But the point is probably moot

[Pre-Chorus]

Cause she's watching him with those
eyes

And she's lovin' him with that body
I just know it
And he's holding her in his arms late,
late at night

[Chorus]

You know I wish that I had Jessie's
girl
I wish that I had Jessie's girl
Where can I find a woman like that?
Like Jessie's girl
I wish that I had Jessie's girl
Where can I find a woman...
Where can I find a woman like that?

[Bridge]

And I'm lookin' in the mirror all the
time
Wonderin' what she don't see in me
I've been funny; I've been cool with
the lines
Ain't that the way love's supposed to
be?

[Chorus]

Tell me where can I find a woman like
that?
You know I wish that I had Jessie's
girl
I wish that I had Jessie's girl
I want Jessie's girl
Where can I find a woman like that?
Like Jessie's girl
I wish that I had Jessie's girl
I want, I want Jessie's girl

"Jessie's Girl" is a song written and performed by Australian singer Rick Springfield. It was released on the album *Working Class Dog*. The song is about unrequited love and centers on a young man in love with his best friend's girlfriend.

Upon its release in the United States in 1981, the song was slow to break out. It debuted on Billboard's Hot 100 chart on 28 March but took 19 weeks to hit No. 1 reaching that position on 1 August, one of the slowest climbs to number one at that time. It remained at No. 1 for two weeks and would be Springfield's only No. 1 hit. The song was at No. 1 when MTV launched on 1 August 1981. Ultimately spending 32 weeks on the chart, Billboard ranked it as the No. 5 song for all of 1981.

The song also peaked at No. 1 in Springfield's native Australia and later won Springfield a Grammy Award for Best Male Rock Vocal Performance.

The song was released in the United Kingdom in March 1984 and peaked at number 43 on the UK Singles Chart in April 1984.

Springfield recorded an acoustic version of the song for his 1999 album, *Karma*.

Springfield was taking a stained glass class along with his friend Gary and Gary's girlfriend. He initially wanted to use the actual name of the friend he was singing about, but instead decided to go with a different name — "Jessie". He was wearing a T-shirt with the name of football player Ron Jessie on it and changed the name from Gary to Jessie, then recorded the song.

Springfield says that he does not remember the name of the girlfriend, and believes that the real woman who inspired the song has no idea that she was "Jessie's Girl", telling Oprah Winfrey, "I was never really introduced to her. It was always just, like, panting from afar." Springfield told Songfacts that Oprah's people tried to find her, but without success. In 2006, it was named No. 20 on VH1's "100 Greatest Songs of the 80s".