

The Consumer

(Written and performed by Stompin' Tom Connors, 1973.)

(C) The Consumer they call us. We're the people that buy
Well everyone else is out to sell some (D) kind of merchan(G)dis
We (C) run to the boss and tell 'em we (F) need a bit more gold
Some tax deductions (C) later and we still (G) wind up in the (C) hole

(C) Oh yes we are the people running in the race
Buying up the bargains in the (D) ol' market(G)place
A(C)nother sale on something, we'll (F) buy it while it's hot
And save a lot of (C) money spending (G) money we don't (C) got
We (F) save a lot of (C) money spending (G) money we don't (C) got

(C) The Consumer they call us. We always get a fair shake
We buy a fridge that doesn't freeze and a (D) stove that doesn't (G) bake
We (C) can't buy nothing lasting unless we (F) get that raise in pay
And they'd only charge us (C) more for the (G) things that cost less to(C)day

(C) The Consumer they call us. We're fussy what we eat
We look at the price of T-bone steak and (D) buy hamburg (G) meat
And (C) all those fancy packages we (F) take down from the shelf
They're always full of (C) good fresh air when they're (G) full of nothing (C) else

(chorus)

(C) The Consumer they call us. When the man comes in the door
To give us a deal on a vacuum when we (D) buy a rug for the (G) floor
And (C) how do we pay the finance when the (F) monthly bills arrive
They just send down the (C) bailiff to repos(G)sess the car we (C) drive

(C) The consumer is what they call us, we're always deep in debt
From buying drawers in Discount stores to (D) fixin' the TV (G) set
We (C) go to the bank for the money and (F) sign for another loan
And pray the lord doesn't (C) see us stop in the (G) tavern halfway (C) home

(chorus)

