**THE CONSUMER** - Stompin’ Tom Connors

**INTRO:** **[G]/[G]**

The con-**[G]**sumer…they call us, we're the people that buy

Well **[G]** everyone else is out to sell **[A7]** some kind of merchan-**[D]**dise

We **[G]** run to the boss and tell him **[C]** we need a bit more gold

Some **[C]** tax deductions **[G]** later and we **[D]** still wind up in the **[G]** hole **[G]**

**CHORUS:**

Oh **[G]** yes we are the people, runnin' in the race

**[G]** Buyin' up the bargains in the **[A7]** old market-**[D]**place

A-**[G]**nother sale on something, we'll **[C]** buy it while it's hot

And **[C]** save a lot of **[G]** money spending **[D]** money we don't **[G]** got

We **[C]** save a lot of **[G]** money spending **[D]** money we don't **[G]** got **[G]**

The con-**[G]**sumer…they call us, we always get a fair shake

We **[G]** buy a fridge that doesn't freeze and a **[A7]** stove that doesn't **[D]** bake

We **[G]** can't buy nothin' lastin' lest we **[C]** get that raise in pay

Then they'd **[C]** only charge **[G]** more for the things

That **[D]** cost us less to-**[G]**day **[G]**

The con-**[G]**sumer…they call us, we're fussy what we eat

We **[G]** look at the price of the T-bone steak & **[A7]** buy Hamburg **[D]** meat

And **[G]** all those fancy packages we **[C]** take down from the shelf

They're **[C]** always full of **[G]** good fresh air

When they're **[D]** not full of nothing **[G]** else

**Repeat CHORUS**

The con-**[G]**sumer…they call us, when the man comes in the door

They **[G]** give us a deal on a vacuum if we **[A7]** buy a rug for the **[D]** floor

And **[G]** how do we pay the finance when the **[C]** monthly bills arrive

They **[C]** just send down the **[G]** bailiff to repos-**[D]**sess the car we **[G]** drive **[G]**

The con-**[G]**sumer’s what they call us, we're always deep in debt

From **[G]** buyin' drawers in discount stores to **[A7]** fixin' the TV **[D]** set

We **[G]** go to the bank for the money and **[C]** sign for another loan

And **[C]** pray the Lord doesn't **[G]** see us stop

In the **[D]** tavern halfway **[G]** home **[G]**

**FINAL CHORUS:**

Oh **[G]** yes we are the people, runnin' in the race

**[G]** Buyin' up the bargains in the **[A7]** old market-**[D]**place

A-**[G]**nother sale on something, we'll **[C]** buy it while it's hot

And **[C]** save a lot of **[G]** money spending **[D]** money we don't **[G]** got

We **[C]** save a lot of **[G]** money spending **[D]** money we don't **[G]** got

We **[C]** save a lot of **[G]** money spending **[D]** money we don't **[G]** got **[G]↓[C]↓[G]↓**

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