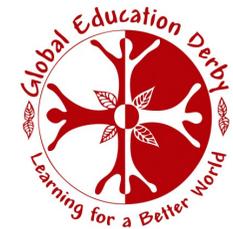


ALTERNATIVE Christmas Carols

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Consumer Wonderland

(To the tune of Winter Wonderland, lyrics by Erica Avery)

The TV's on / are you watching?
Another product / that they're hawking
one more thing you need
to make life complete
Welcome to Consumer Wonderland

In the stores / you will hear it
"Pricey gifts / show holiday spirit"
That's what they call it
to get to your wallet
Welcome to Consumer Wonderland

At the mall we can go out shopping
and buy lots of stuff we can't afford
we'll have lots of fun with our new toys
until we realize that we're still bored
When you shop / ain't it thrilling
until / you get the billing
the money you still owe the stuff broke long
ago
Welcome to Consumer Wonderland

Uh Oh We're In The Red, Dear

(To the tune of Rudolph the red-nose reindeer)

Uh oh we're in the red, dear
On our credit card it shows
Christmas is almost over
But the debit line still grows
Shopping like Santa's zombies
Sent our budget down in flames
But all our Christmas spirit
Helped the giant retail chains

I'm so foggy Christmas Eve
Wondering how we'll pay
Christmas doesn't seem so bright
When our finances are tight

So here's a plan for next year
Let's forget the shopping spree
Let's give a gift of love, so
All our Christmas gifts are free

Jingle All The Way

Chorus:

Profits here, profits there, profits everywhere
Christmas time is funny
we smell money in the air
Advertise, glamorize, fool you with a flair.
Let's make sure that Christmas
is a businesslike affair.

You're eating up our lies and dashing to the
stores
Then all our prices rise and how the money
pours
If we don't keep you drugged and watching
your TV
You might see the hypocrisy
then where would business be?

Chorus

We'll tell you how to think and tell you what to
try
What to eat and drink and how to live and die
And if our plan succeeds, when Christmas-time
is nigh
Instead of seeking love and peace you'll hunt
for gifts to buy

Chorus

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Slow down ye frantic shoppers for there's
something we must say
If you would spare a moment all the stores would
go away
Big business has been telling us what Christmas
means today

Now it's time we decided for ourselves, for
ourselves
Yes it's time we decided for ourselves.

To some folks Christmas means a time for
gathering with friends
And enemies might take it as a time to make
amends
But TV says it's time for pricey gifts and selfish
ends

Now it's time we decided for ourselves, for
ourselves
Yes it's time we decided for ourselves.

Some people feel that Christmas is when Jesus
makes a call
For others it's a time to stress good will and peace
to all
But advertisers tell us it means Santa's at the mall

Now it's time we decided for ourselves, for
ourselves
Yes it's time we decided for ourselves.

Buy and Sell

To the tune, Silver Bells; by Erica Avery

City Sidewalks busy sidewalks
lined with advertising
It's the big retail season of Christmas
Children begging for each new thing
toys for mile after mile
and the mood of the season is clear

Chorus:

Buy and sell (buy and sell)
Buy and sell (buy and sell)
It's Christmas time for consumers
Ching-a-ching (ching-a-ching)
Cash tills ring (cash tills ring)
Must we spend Christmas this way?

Maxing credit, running debits
buying things we don't need
with the money we don't really have
Children crying, parents sighing
there's no time for our friends
and the reason behind it is clear

Chorus

