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1.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (DECK THE HALLS) Tom Lehrer

Christmas-time is here by golly
Disapproval would be folly
Deck the halls with hunks of holly
Fill the cup and don't say when

Kill the turkeys, ducks, and chickens
Mix the punch, drag out the Dickens
Even though the prospect sickens
Brother, here we go again

On Christmas day you can't get sore
Your fellow person you must adore
There's time to rob them all the more
The other three hundred and sixty four

Relations sparing, no expense'll
Send some useless old utensil
Or a matching pen and pencil
(Just the thing I need, how nice)

It doesn't matter how sincere it is
Nor how heartfelt the spirit
Sentiment will not endear it
What's important is the price

Hark the Herald Tribune sings
Advertising wondrous things
God rest you merry merchants
May you make the Yuletide pay

Angels we have heard on high
Tell us to go out and buy
So, let the raucous sleigh bells jingle
Hail our dear old friend Kris Kringle
Driving his reindeer across the sky
Don't stand underneath when they fly by!

2. AWAY IN A SWEATSHOP

Away in a sweatshop where no one can see
the immigrant seamstresses work constantly.
Conditions are awful, the pay is absurd.
The boss he will fire them if they say a word.

Off in a factory, an ocean away
Young girls making jeans for a dollar a day.
But please don't complain about exploitation

Cause this factory's in a Most Favored Nation.

Away in the Congress, the Senators fat
Count up their PAC dollars, pass NAFTA and GATT.
They couldn't care less about workers in need
They've traded their conscience to service their greed!

3. BUY MORE THINGS (Silent Night)

Buy more things, spend more dough
A credit card's the way to go.
Be in debt for the rest of the year
12 months of slavery for 1 moment's cheer
Buy more things you don't nee-eed (x2)

4. CHRIS IS A GIRL (AWAY IN A MANGER)

Away in a suburb asleep in a bed.
Baby Christina lays down her sweet head.
In pink frilly p.j.'s and sucking her thumb
she has no suspicion of her life to come.

The more that she grows up the more that she sees,
just what the world expects her gender to be.
Her parents try hard not to force gender roles,
the rest of our culture poo-poo's all their goals.

By 14 or 15 she's heard it all clear.
She's silly and helpless and must live in fear.
She knows what is o.k. to be in this world.
And just what it means that Chris is a Girl.

Rise up! from your label and do as you please!
I'd rather die fighting than live on my knees!
A "masculine" woman, or "feminine" man,
CHUCK what you thinks normal, i'll be who i am!!

5. COME YE CONSUMERS

O come ye consumers
come and do your duty
o come ye, o come ye...to-oo the mall
scatter cash money
max out all your plastic
o come spend every penny
o come spend every penny
o come spend every penny
a--at the mall

sing muzak speakers
jingle santa's reindeer
a festive experience just don't ask why
colored lights a flashing
a zillion people dashing
o frenzy and confusion
o frenzy and confusion
it's frenzy and confusion
to make us buy

pay no attention to the man behind the
curtain
a bargain's a bargain we don't need to
know
prisons in china
sweatshops in mayalsia
maqui—i-la-a-doras
ma qui —i—la—a—doras
ma qui la doras
keep the prices low

6. CONSUMER WONDERLAND (WINTER WONDERLAND)

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
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 thrillin
until / you get the billing

the money you still owe the stuff broke
long ago

Welcome to Consumer Wonderland
by Erica Avery from www-NewAmericanDreanorg

7. DECK THE HALLS

Tis the season for a boycott, fa la la la la
la la la la
Banana Republic, GAP, Old Navy.fa la
la la la la la la
Don't support sweatshop labor, fa la la
la la la la la la
Or clearcutting Mendocino forests
either, fa la la la la la la la

The Fisher family's making billions, fa la
la la la la la la
In sweatshop labor exploitation, fa la la
la la la la la la
Toiling at eleven cents an hour,fa la la la
la la la la la
It's time to fight this greedy power, fa la
la la la la la la

In Mendocino California, fa la la la la la
la la la
They're spraying herbicides in the water,
fa la la la la la la la la
Cutting old growth with abandon, fa la la
la la la la la la
Donald Fisher, you're a madman, fa la la
la la la la la la
Or this version of Deck the Halls:

Deck the halls with sweatshop labor, Fa
la la la la, la la la la
The Gap is a corporate enslaver, Fa la
la la la, la la la la

Workers here don't share the profit, Fa
la la la la, la la la la
The power to change is in your pocket,
Fa la la la la, la la la la

The Gap refuses to raise wages, Fa la
la la la, la la la la
While other companies have made
changes,
Fa la la la la, la la la la

They lie and say they're in the clear, Fa
la la la la, la la la la
But-The-Gap is-the-miser of the year,
Fa la la la la, la la la la

**8. DECK THE POLLS WITH
CAMPAIGN DOLLARS**

Deck the polls with campaign dollars
fa la la la la la la
See them in their suits and collars
fa la la la la la la
watch 'em rip off our election
fa la la la la la la
time to find a new direction
fa la la la la la la
tvveedle dum? No! Tweedle dummer
(fa la,etc)
hope its not a major bummer
(fa and so forth)
let us organize not slumber
(fa la...)
time to hear a different drummer
(fa....)

**9. DO YOU KNOW WHAT I KNOW?
(DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?)**

Do you see what i see? Do you see
what i see?
Someone's child in winter without boots
when yours have more than one pair
When yours have more than one pair
Do you see what i see? Do you see
what i see?
A man, a man, sleeping on the street
when you have three extra rooms
When you have three extra rooms

Do you know what i know? Do you know
what i know?
The violence that is private property
when you've got more than you need
When you've got more than you need
Do you know what i know? Do you know
what i know?
A life that's lived while others are
oppressed is not a life that is free
Is not a life that is free

**10. GOD BLESS YOU VERY
WEALTHY MEN**

God bless you very wealthy men,
Good news I have to tell:
The markets up, you're making more
each time you buy and sell.
With layoffs more, your profits soar,
You're living rather well.
O tidings of capital gains.

God bless you very wealthy men,
You never have to see

The people all around you who must live
In misery.
You keep the poor far from your door,
You know no poverty.
O tidings of capital gains.

God bless you very wealthy men,
whatever comes to pass,
You have no fear that you will be kicked
out upon your ass.
I have a feeling that your ceiling is
Not made of glass.
O tidings of capital gains.

God bless you very wealthy men,
Do you repeat this song?
You owe success to your hard work, no
one helped you along.
You've raised yourself to the top shelf;
Your bootstraps must be strong.
O idings of capital gains.

God bless you poor and working folks,
I do regret to tell:
There is no safety net to catch you if you
ever fell.
Without much wealth or any health
insurance when unwell.
O tidings of capital gains.
God bless you poor and working folks
They've cut you down to size
Entitled only to those things you can
afford to buy,
When pensions, schools, and fire
protection
All are privatized.
Oh tidings of capital gains.

God bless you poor and working folks,
Its time to take a stand
For decent wages, health, and pensions
are our just
demands.
It's time to fight we must unite.
Won't you lend a hand?
Oh tidings of capital gains.

11. GO TO THE STORE (Joy to the World)

Go to the store
and buy some stuff
and buy some stuff some more

From sea to shining sea
we're on a spending spree
In Buckeye Idaho
They are spending lots of dough
But here on the Coast we spend the
Most

12. GREENHOUSE GAS (Jingle Bells)

Greenhouse gases flow from our SUV
thru the Globe they go toasting you &
me
It gets 5 miles a gallon it takes us
everyplace
what fun it is to ride & sing
in our jolly global hearse
Greenhouse gas
Greenhouse gas
Carbon is the worst
Oh what fun it is to ride
in our jolly global hearse, HEY!
My dear Jeep Cherokee I worship like a
God
It's better than a tree, it's perfect &
unflawed
It runs without a road it makes its own
race course
What fun it is to ride and sing
in our jolly global hearse
(repeat) Greenhouse gas

**13. HARK THE CORPORATE
PROPHETS SING**

Hark, the corporate prophets sing,
"Spend more money; buy more things!"
On TV and in the schools,
Selling junk for corporate rule.

Armageddon's coming fast!
You'll need VISA or some cash!
You can please the corporate gods;
Throw more bucks at Santa Claus.
Hark the corporate prophets sing.
"Happiness is store bought things."

Hark we Corporate Hustlers merge
Glory to our greedy Urge
Sell the earth, exploit the children
Air & water all defiled
Bankrupt all ye nations kneel

Hunker down so we can steal
Let the Wall Street Journal Claim
One Corp-or-ation is our aim

Hark we Corporate Hustlers shout
Money rules! Without a doubt

**14. HARK. THE WAL-MART
BANNERS SAY (HARK, THE
HERALD ANGELS SING)**

Hark, the Wal-Mart banners say,
It's made In, the U.S.A.
But read the fine print and you will see,
Most things come from overseas.

Sweatshop factories exploit children,
While Sam Walton rakes In billions
Tell us where your factories are,

Do they exploit the world's poor?
Hark, to Wal-Mart, we do say,
People deserve a living wage!
A quarter-an-hour In Honduras,
Just five cents In Bangladesh.
Seven-day weeks In Guatemala,
Indonesians earn ten cents!
Workers beaten for mistakes,
Wal-Mart this is a disgrace!
Tell us where your factories are,

Do they exploit the world's poor?
Hark, to Wal-Mart, we do say,
People deserve a living wage!
Wal-Mart sweatshops won't stay secret,
We will let the world see.
We don't want our hard earned money
Siphoned off, by corporate greed!
We want human rights today,
Wal-Mart we won't go away!
Tell us where your factories are,
Do they exploit, the world's poor?
Hark, to Wal-Mart, we do say,
People deserve, a living wage!

15. Hi Ho, Hi Ho

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, we feed the CEOs.
We sweat and sew, they get the dough.
Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Hi Ho.
Hi Ho, Hi Ho, our lives are full of woe.
Our quotas grow, the more we sew.
Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Hi Ho.
Oh me. Oh my, we're worked until we die,
While the profits go to CEOs,
Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Hi Ho.
Hi Ho, Hi Ho. This system isn't fair.
Does anybody really care?
Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Hi Ho.
Hi Ho, Hi Ho, the workers take control.
We fight for one, we fight for all.
Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Hi Ho.

16. IT CAME UPON THE EVENING NEWS

It came upon the evening news
A story to make you quite sad.
The working conditions of Santa's elves
Were enough to make anyone mad.

They slave all day in the fac-tor-ies
And are told they can't un-ion-ize
And bosses will fire "at will" anyone
Who questions the corporate lies.

One day an elf dressed all in red,
Handed his comrades some books.
Of Marx and Gandhi & Cesar Chavez
And that was all that it took

They voted to form a union bold
And with new working class con-scious-ness
They seized the means of production there
And had a very merry Christ-mas eve.

17. JINGLE BELLS

Chorus:

Jingle bells, the Gap sells, clothes made in Saipan.
You pee once a day, when the bosses say,
or else you get no pay - hey!
The Gap must change, the Gap must change,
the Gap must change today.
They sell their goods, then clearcut woods!

Laughing all the way!

Verse-1

The sweatshop workers know/they can't stop making clothes seven days a week, their quotas they must meet!

Working through the night, their futures don't look bright
who cares if it's not fair!, free trade makes it right - hey!

Verse2

It's difficult to live on so little pay
they can't even afford one decaf latte!

Smashing worker's rights is the sweatshop way!
they sell us goods, then wreck our woods
and think that it's ok - hey!

18. JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the winters here. Let's laugh, and play, and sing!
The leaves fell from the trees. There's frost now on the breeze.
So let's all build a fire and cuddle til we retire.
And cuddle, and cuddle, til we retire.

Seasons will change and so will we.
Let's laugh, and play, and sing!
With every coming year I hope we gather near
And sing our rousing songs, while others sing along
And others, and others sing along.

As we fight for freedom let us dance.
And laugh, and play, and sing!
With all that we go through, and so much more to do
May we create each year a life lived with less fear
A life lived with far less fear

19. MY FAVORITE THINGS

Shirts from Honduras
and Nikes from China
clothes made In sweatshops
in North Carolina,
all wrapped In packages
tied up with string,
these are a few of my
least favourite things.

When the sun shines
when the snow melts
when I'm feeling glad
I simply remember
my least favourite things
and then I start getting mad.

Skirts made In Malaysia
under sweatshop conditions,
clothes sewn in Toronto
for Northern Traditions,
all wrapped In packages
and tied up with string,
these are a few of my
least favorite things.

When the sun shines
when the snow melts
when I'm feeling glad
I simply remember
my least favorite things
and then I start get-ting mad.

20. O LITTLE TOWN OF SANTA CRUZ

O little town of Santa Cruz
how still our economy
with prices steep and wages cheap
no housing and no trees*

so in the global system
we have to place our hope
on real estate and tourist bait
and...shh! on growing dope

* or sing:
no farming or industry
no fishing or forestry
we watch our children flee

21. OH OLDE GROWTH TREE (O Tannebaum)

Oh Douglas fir, oh Redwood tree
How beautiful your board feet
Your lumber's green in bucks it brings
to billionaires and Corporate kings

Oh Douglas fir, oh Redwood tree
how beautiful your board feet

Oh Douglas fir, oh Redwood tree
How beautiful your board feet
Your other use is clear we think
to give the rich a Carbon Sink
Oh Douglas fir, oh Redwood tree
How beautiful your board feet

22. RECLAIM!!! (DECK THE HALLS)

SMASH THE STATE AND SQUAT
THEIR BUILDINGS, fa la la la la la la
la la
IT'S HARD WORK BUT WE ARE
WILLING, fa la la la la la la la
HUNDREDS HOUSED INSIDE YOUR
MANSIONS, fa la la lala la la la
THAT'S OUR VISION OF EXPANSION!
fa la la la la la la la
BREAK THE CONCRETE, PLANT A
GARDEN, fa la la la la la la la
NEVER ASK TO BEG THEIR PARDON,
fa la la la la la la la
LET'S THROW SEEDS LIKE WE
THROW PUNCHES, fa la la la la la la
la
INVITE THEM TO OUR HOMEGROWN
LUNCHESES, fa la la la la la la la
SHOPPING MALLS TURNED INTO
FREE- SCHOOLS, fa la la la la la la
la
FOUNTAINS INTO PUBLIC POOLS, fa
la la la la la la la
WHERE A LAWN WAS, LET THE
PLANTS GROW, fa la la la la la la la
VENTURE WHERE THEY SAY YOU
CAN'T GO, fa la la la la la la la
IF WE WORK TO HELP EACHOTHER,
fa la la la la la la la
WE CAN LEARN FROM ONE
ANOTHER, fa la la la la la la 11
IN OTHER STRUGGLES WE'RE
CONNECTED, fa la la la la la la la
BY EVERY INJURY AFFECTED, fa la la
la la la la la la

**23. RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED
REINDEER**

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
had excellent taste In clothes
And If you ever asked him,
he would even stop to pose

All of the other reindeer
would go shopping at the Gap
Rudolph would head to thrift stores
He'd never buy that sweatshop crap

As a reindeer he loved the woods
And he was in the know
that clearcutting corporations
deserved a giant lump of coal!

Boycott the Gap this Christmas
And Old Navy too (Banana Republic
too)
Rudolph knows the right way!
And, by golly, so should you!

**24. SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO
TOWN**

You better watch out,
you better not cry,
better not raise those prices too high.
Santa Claus is coming to town.

He's making a list
checking It twice,
gonna find out
who's naughty and nice,
Santa Claus is coming to town.

He sees you when you're scheming,
he knows what your workers make.
He knows when you've been bad or
good,
so be good for goodness sake. HEY

You better watch out,
you better not cry,
better not raise those prices too high.
Santa Claus Is coming to town.

25. SILENT NIGHT

Human Right, Immigrant Rights
Everyone join in the fight
Fight for dignity, justice and peace
In your living and working place
Where your children are born
Where you make your home

Human Rights, Immigrant Rights
Hear the Sweatshop workers' plight
Broken families, INS raids
Child labor, owners'greed
Everyone, open your eyes
Stand up, organize!

**26. SONG FOR THE ONE (SILENT
NIGHT)**

Silent Night, Peaceful night.
We'll survive, through this fight.
Build your prisons, banks and walls.
We will see to dismantling them all
We'll live a life of true worrrrth.
Live a life of true worth.

Silent night, Peaceful night
We have spunk. We have might.
You have more money than you'll ever
need.
Millions of people are killed by your
greed
Sleep knowing all th--is.
Sleep knowing all this.

Silent night, Peaceful night.
Look around, do what's right.
Liberty is about more than just me.
Use all your strength to help others to
see
True freedom can be-eee.
True freedom can be.

27. TREES (HEY HO, NOBODY HOME)

fir, spruce, redwood pine
black oak, live oak, bay, madrone
maple, myrtle, cedar, chinquapin,
fir, spruce, redwood pine...
(repeat, divide into groups and do as a
round...)

28. THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of shopping, my true love bought for me
All gifts made in sweatshops overseas.

On the second day of shopping, my true love bought for me,
-Toys made by kids,
-All gifts made in sweatshops overseas.

On the third day of shopping, my true love bought for me,
-Slave labor shoes,
-Toys made by kids,
-All gifts made in sweatshops overseas.

On the fourth day of shopping, my true love bought for me,
-Pre-sweated pants,
-Slave labor shoes,
-Toys made by kids,
-All gifts made in sweatshops overseas.

On the fifth day of shopping, my true love bought for me,
-RAMPANT CORPORATE GREED!!
-Pre-sweated pants,
-Slave labor shoes,
-Toys made by kids,
-All gifts made in sweatshops overseas.

On the sixth day of shopping, my true love bought for me.
-Six cents an hour...

On the seventh day of shopping, my true love bought for me.
-Twelve hour days...

On the eighth day of shopping, my true love bought for me,
-Cancer-causing fumes...

On the ninth day of shopping, my true love bought for me,
-Sexual harassment...

On the tenth day of shopping, my true love bought for me,
-Workers without unions...

On the eleventh day of shopping, my true love bought for me

-Tax breaks for sweatshops...

On the twelfth day of shopping, my true love bought for me,
-George Bush's blessings...

29. WE WISH YOU A LOCAL CHRISTMAS

we WISH you a local Christmas
we WISH you a local Christmas
we WISH you a local Christmas
cuz it's a global new year

ENUFF stuff that's made in sweatshops
ENUFF stuff that's made in sweatshops
ENUFF stuff that's made in sweatshops
bring some good jobs right here

SHOPPING with friends and neighbors
SHOPPING with friends and neighbors
SHOPPING with friends and neighbors
keeps our money right here

we WISH you a local Christmas (3 times)
cuz it's a global new year

RESTORING the ecosystem (3 times)
builds the resource base here

PRODUCTION for added value (3 times)
brings the money right here

we WISH you a local Christmas (3 times)
cuz it's a global new year

RESIST global corporations (3 times)
keep the power right here

say NO to the global masters
keep our power right here

**30. WE WISH YOU WOULD BUY
SOME TRINKETS**

We wish you would buy some trinkets
we wish you would buy some trinkets
we wish you would buy some trinkets
and spa-a-arkly stuff

So cut down more fir trees
and hang on the balls
Then gather some money
and head for the malls

We must make a lotta money
we must make a lotta money
we must make a lotta money
We can't get enough

So zip down to Walmart
with a trippedy trot
and put lotsa dough
in the Corporate pot

(repeat) We wish you would etc.

**31. WE WISH YOU A MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

We wish you would do the right thing
We wish you would do the right thing
We wish you would do the right thing
Treat workers fair-ly!

We wish you would do the right thing
We wish you would do the right thing
We wish you would do the right thing
And stop cutting trees!

Glad tidings we'd bring to you and your
kin
If you'd only do the right thing!
And end corporate greed!