

**Maximum Consumption**  
**The Kinks**

*verse 1*

I ll have some clam chowder, followed by beef steak on rye  
**Bb** **C**  
Pumpkin pie, whipped cream and coffee,  
**F** **C**  
I wanna green salad on the side,  
**F** **C**  
Don t forget the french fries,  
**Bb** **C** **F**  
Pizza pie, garlic and anchovie.  
**B** **C** **D**  
I keep burning up calories as fast as I keep putting them down,  
**C** **D**  
Eat food, put it in my mouth,  
**C** **D** **Bb** **C**  
Chew it up, swallow it down,  
**F** **C** **F**  
I ll have two eggs, over light, home made apple pie  
**Bb** **C** **F** **B**  
Cole slaw as a side order.  
**F** **Bb** **C** **F**  
I gotta stay fit, stay alive, eat food to sustain a non-stop high-grade performer.  
**C** **D**  
The pace is continual, sure keeps running me down  
**C** **D**  
Don t you know that you gotta eat food,  
**C** **D** **B** **C**  
Don t you know that you gotta refuel.  
**F** **Bb** **F** **Bb**  
I m a Maximum Consumption, super-grade performer.  
**F** **Bb** **F**  
High powered machine,  
**Bb**  
Go steady on my clutch, go easy on the hills  
**F** **Bb** **F** **Bb**  
And you ll get a lot of mileage out of me.  
**C** **Bb**  
I m so easy to drive, and I m an excellent ride,

*Solo*

**F** **Bb** **C** **F** **C** **Bb** **C** **B**

*verse 2*

**C** **D**  
 Excessive living sure keeps running me down  
**C** **D**  
 You ve got to learn to use the Maximum Juice  
**C** **D** **Bb** **C** **D**  
 That s how you get the maximum use.  
**F** **Bb** **C** **F**  
 Life keeps using me, keeps on abusing me, mentally and physically.  
**C** **F** **B** **Bb** **C** **F**  
 I gotta stay fit, stay alive, need fuel inside, eat food to survive  
**C** **D**  
 Maximum Consumption sure keeps running me down  
**C** **D**  
 Don t you know that you gotta eat food  
**C** **D** **Bb** **C** **D**  
 Don t you know that it s good for you.  
**F** **Bb**  
 I m a Maximum Consumption,  
 Non-stop machine  
**F** **Bb**  
 Total automation perpetual motion.

*Outro*

**F** **Bb** **F** **Bb** **F** **Bb** **F** **Bb** **F** **Bb** **F** **Bb**