Last Christmas, I brought you [*Twas the Night Before the Bond Traders Stole Christmas*](http://wkubbtcenter.com/2010/12/17/twas-the-night-before-the-bond-traders-stole-christmas/)*.* In that spirit, this year’s Christmas edition of Capitalism Today is *The Economy Got Run Over by the Government.* For those unfamiliar with the reference, the following prose is best understood to the tune of [Grandmother Got Run Over by a Reindeer](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Grandma+Got+Run+Over+by+a+Reindeer!+&oq=Grandma+Got+Run+Over+by+a+Reindeer!+&aq=f&aqi=g4&aql=&gs_sm=e&gs_upl=108256l108256l0l109225l1l1l0l0l0l0l214l214l2-1l1l0). In case you forgot them, here are the [original lyrics](http://www.41051.com/xmaslyrics/grandma.html).

**The Economy Got Run Over by the Government**

The economy got run over by the government

Gearing up for sales on Christmas Eve

You can say there’s no such thing as job growth

But as for me and [Hayek](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Friedrich_Hayek), we believe

She’d been drinking too much easy money

And we begged her not to grow

But she’d forgot her federal mandates

So she staggered off to D.C. in the snow

When they found her election mornin’

At the scene of the attack

There were IOU’s on her forehead

And incrmininatin’ red tape marks on her back

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But as for me and Hayek, we believe

Now we’re all so proud of Obama

He’s been takin’ this so well

See him [vacationing in Hawaii](http://whitehouse.gov1.info/blog/blog_post/agenda-hawaii.html)

Drinkin’ champagne and getting money from [cousin Bell](http://www.opensecrets.org/pres12/contrib.php?id=N00009638&cycle=2012)

It’s not Christmas without job growth

The stock market [can’t stay in the black](http://money.cnn.com/data/markets/sandp/)

And we just can’t help but wonder

Should we paint a [maple leaf](http://www.crwflags.com/fotw/flags/ca.html) on our backpack?

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Now the payroll tax is on the table

And the deficit commission was a bust

And QE3 is coming quickly

We’ll just print more words, “In God We Trust”

I’ve warned all my friends and neighbors

Better watch out for your cash

They should never give an election

To a man who drives the economy into the trash

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