

## There's a War On

Words and music by John Close

*[‘Jaunty’]*

*[Intro:]*      **D Bm / G A / D Bm / G A**

*[V1:]*

**D**

Signs say-ing ‘Sold Out’ are up in lots of shops.

**A<sup>7</sup>**

A lot of pubs are closed up, they have-n’t got a drop.

**D**

You have to act a bit sharp get-ting by these days,

**G**

**G**

**A**

**A**

Take ad-van-tage of the slight-est chance that comes your way.

**D**

**Bm**

**G**

**A**

If you hear of ba-na-nas or o-ran-ges on sale,

**D**

**Bm**

**G**

**A**

Get there be-fore the oth-ers, or they’ll have them with-out fail.

*[Refrain:]*

**D**

**A**

**D**

**A**

**D**

Can you blame them?    What would you do?    There’s a war on.

*[Link:]*      **Bm / G A / D Bm / G A**

*[V2:]*

**D**

Last Sat-ur-day the Mis-sus made a tas-ty corned beef pie.

**A<sup>7</sup>**

We bought some li-quad pa-ra-ffin so we could have a fry,

**D**

Though us-ing lard instead of but-ter doesn’t seem so good,

**G**

**G**

**A**

**A**

And no-one gets their fresh fruit quite as of-ten as they should.

**D**                      **Bm**                      **G**                      **A**  
You must ad-mit the pow-dered egg takes you by sur-prise

**D**                      **Bm**                      **G**                      **A**  
When you mix a cake and the damn thing does-n't rise,

*[Refrain:]*

**D**    **A**                      **D**    **A**                      **D**  
Can you blame it? What would you do? There's a war on.

*[Link:]*            **Bm / G A / D Bm / G A**

*[V3:]*

**D**  
For all this talk of short-a-ges and cou-pons and the rest,

**A<sup>7</sup>**  
There's still a deal of folks who en-joy no-thing but the best.

**D**  
For all the re-gu-la-tions, it's on-ly com-mon sense,

**G**                      **G**                      **A**                      **A**  
There's still a great deal can be done with pounds, shil-lings and pence.

**D**                      **Bm**                      **G**                      **A**  
There's ma-ny a hum-ble gro-cer who won't give a se-cond look,

**D**                      **Bm**                      **G**                      **A**  
If he should find a ten-bob note in-side your ra-tion book,

*[Refrain:]*

**D**    **A**                      **D**    **A**                      **D**  
Can you blame him? What would you do? There's a war on.

*[Link:]*            **Bm / G A / D Bm / G A**

[V4:]

**D**

A lo-cal lad went walk-ing with his girl the oth-er day,

**A<sup>7</sup>**

He stopped to buy some o-ran-ges in a shop a-long the way.

**D**

The groc-er was po-lite but firm, he said, 'I'm sor-ry son,

**G**

**G**

**A**

**A**

But o-ran-ges are res-trict-ed to ex-pec-tant mums.'

**D**

**Bm**

**G**

**A**

The lad looked at his girl and winked and then he said, 'O.K.

**D**

**Bm**

**G**

**A**

We'll have our stroll and pop back in lat-er on to-day.'

[Refrain:]

**D**

**A**

**D**

**A**

**D**

**Bm**

**G**

**A**

Can you blame him? What would you do? There's a war on.

**D**

**Bm**

**G**

**A**

**D**

**Bm**

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