

**1. We speak of consumer leadership**

**Within all our domains**

**It's for this purpose we've all met**

**And is written this refrain.**

**Within the margins of this room**

**You hear me say these words**

**But beyond these artificial bounds**

**Are those who must be heard.**

**We can't sideline those in need**

**Of help, support and care**

**Push the margins off the page**

**To a path we all can share.**

**It's in partnership with all who came**

**To find a different way**

**Our work will have great impact**

**And keep demons at bay.**

**Speak the language of leadership**

**To people everywhere**

**The importance of this is our task**

**I ask-are you prepared?**

**2. Differences can't be swept aside**

**Some pain may still endure**

**Policy, culture and attitudes must strive**

**To evolve, respect, mature.**

**Systems serve.....or soil our souls**

**Which is the best of two?**

**The harmed, depressed and overwhelmed**

**They place their trust in you.**

**Note these verses lack of rhyme**

**That's done to make a point**

**Not all things in life are clean and whole**

**Some break and some disjoint.**

**You must repair, inspire, include**

**Move folk in care and hope**

**For in the end all groups depend**

**On leaders....to steer the boat.**

**Leaders live amongst us all**

**They eat, they sleep and breathe**

**They shed real tears, their blood runs red**

**From hearts pinned to their sleeve**

**3. So commune with the spirits**

**Within this blessed place**

**Link our focus and resolve**

**Support the folk within life's race.**

**Move forward today from this course**

**With the spirit as your guide**

**Listen close, with open hearts**

**Pursue your aims with pride.**

**For the whole wide world is spinning**

**Like a dancer on a stage**

**Take up your role, linked together**

**And speak, and act-engage!**

**In the searing light of NZ**

**Is where these issues must be dealt**

**Emerge now from this church hall**

**And make your presence felt!**

