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Supply and Demand

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At nine o'clock sharp, when Stan opened his store,
Hundreds of shoppers rushed straight through the doors.
All of them wanted, demanded to buy
A Boomtastic, Zoomtastic, Fantastic Fly.

These robotic toys were the hottest new craze.
Some people had waited in line for five days.
They dashed down the aisles shouting, "Mine! They're all mine!"
And snatched up the gadgets for nine-ninety nine.

In fifty-three seconds, the toys were all sold.
"Try buying online," the sad shoppers were told.
With such high demand and a shrinking supply,
The price of the Boomtastic Flies soared sky high.

In a matter of weeks, a new trend appeared –
The Wobbly Wombat, so wacky and weird.
Meanwhile at Stan's, he got Flies back in stock,
But buyers said, "No! It's the Wombats that rock!"

The wants of consumers can change. They are fickle.
Now Stan sells the Flies for two dimes and a nickel.

