

# Crude Oil by Jonny Berliner

## Intro – E7

**A F#m Bm E**

Drill down below way under the ground,

**A F#m Bm E**

There's a gloopy black liquid there to be found,

**A G7 F#7 Bm**

It's all that remains of life from around,

**E**

100 million years ago.

**A F#m D E A**

It's crude, crude, crude oil. Crude!

To make the crude useful economically,  
We ship it in a tanker to the refinery,  
And separate it by distilling fractionally,  
Which starts by vaporising it.

The bitumen condenses at the bottom where it's hot,  
The fractions getting thinner the higher they have got,  
The alkanes with the shortest chains are gases at the top,  
And easily combust. Bang!

## Chorus

**A F#m D E**

You get gas and plastics and lubrication,

**A F#m D E**

Fuel for energy and transportation,

**A A7 F#7 B**

Medicines, solvents and tar for roads,

**E**

It's so darn useful, we use it loads,

**A F#m D E A**

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We get many heavy alkanes, many more than we need,  
Cracking breaks them up and then we get some alkenes,  
The double bond allows us to do more chemistry,  
Synthesising molecules.

By rearranging atoms, we get new properties,  
We can link them into polymers and where would we be,  
Without the many plastics we use regularly,  
Like polythene and PVC.

## Chorus

**Bm E7 A Dmaj7**

Oil slicks kill birds and fish and plastics won't decay,

**Bm E7 A G7 F#7**

The CO<sub>2</sub> from burning it is causing climate change.

**Bm**

It's running low so we must save it,

**E**

If we want to keep on making...

## Chorus