

Everyone's to blame

Exxon is responsible
For oil-laden beaches
Along a thousand miles
Of Alaska's farthest reaches.
Now they'd like to walk away
From cleaning-up their slime
They'd also like to make us pay
It oughtta be a crime.
If Exxon has determined
That Americans are chumps,
Then Exxon shouldn't be allowed
To ship the oil it pumps,
Until it has deposited
In government accounts,
The cash to deal with any spill,
And clean-up every ounce.
Assets should be frozen soon
If Exxon won't ensure
That they will keep on cleaning
'Till Alaska's coast is pure.
Otherwise it's likely
Exxon's wealth will be removed,
So after liability
And damages are proved,
There won't be any assets left
For anyone to claim.
If we let Exxon get away,
Then everyone's to blame.
We're damaging our oceans
As our waters start to reek
With oil left despoiling,
When tankers sink or leak.
Our ecosystem can't endure
Too many generations
Of oil pollution justified
By corner service stations.
In the end we'll have our gas
But also in our sink,
Polluted water everywhere
And not a drop to drink;
And in the end we'll surely mind
That tanks of gas won't take us,
To anywhere that we can find
What God saw fit to make us.

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