

Energy Now, Energy Then

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*Energy now, energy then, people using
energy again and again
Energy for travel, entertainment,
washing clothes, cold food containment
Yes, energy now compared it to then
sources change again and again and
again...*

ENERGY NOW

turn on the TV, CD stereo
to be entertained and let the rhythm flow
through the wires to your home
electricity
AC power from the power company
oil, coal or gas incinerated
turning water to steam that's how it's
generated
steam makes the turbines spin
that's how the alternating current begins
negative and positive to and fro
energy from electron flow
open the refrigerator, microwave the
french fried potato
flip the switch if you need to see
because wires carry electricity

Chorus

ENERGY THEN

I've salted the meat so it won't spoil
turn down the lamps, save the whale oil
I'll hitch up the horses, you're looking
pretty
we'll ride our buggy into the city
the big tent circus is in town
with trapeze artists and big nose clowns
we'll eat apples from a canning jar
while I pluck a few notes on this guitar
I'd stay at the circus forever if I could
but tomorrow morning I'll be splitting
wood
wood for the fire, it's heat energy

yes, heat for my home and my family

Chorus

In the garage where I work on my car
I know exactly where all my tools are
my horse is healthy and her name is
Mabel
I keep what she needs right in the stable
my fuel injectors are calibrated
and new oil keeps the engine lubricated
Mabel pulls the plow around
and then pulls the crop into town
I put old oil in the recycling tank
cause I wouldn't want it in something I
drank
when Mabel poops I don't criticize her
because her manure is fertilizer
I drive to work and across the nation
I get my fuel at any gas station
In my time horses moved the masses
fueled by grains and a little molasses