

# Johnny Burne

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The dangers of drugs and I ask in return  
Just a little tip so I can go and buy a fern

Starting with first thing that you need to know  
Marijuana comes from a plant that wants to grow  
Now legalized in CA and CO  
For free use on the streets so people feel a "flow"

Even though this drug is not considered hard  
There are still bad effects that can get you barred  
Smoking causes your brain to end up jarred  
To get money you might steal a stereo from a car

Onto the next drug we'll talk about cocaine  
Taking this drug can end you like Cobain  
This drug can be smoked or snorted to the brain  
"White Lady", "Dust", and "Coke" are all other names

This drug also comes from a plant, called Coca  
These leaves grow in continent South America  
Grown near the plant that is used to make mocha  
To get it to the brain, it's easier to smoke up

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Opioid painkillers like Perky will be next  
Many artists use these drugs to flex  
Even though they're medical it can also be a pest  
Artists OD now they dead like a T-Rex

Peep, Presley, MJ aren't the only ones  
Because of opioids, Cobain tried to run  
From what I have heard, Xanax isn't very fun  
I'm not even finished, I have just begun

Addiction is a very serious thing today  
When someone gets addicted their relationships fade away  
Addicts can get help and maybe have a better day  
They can come clean with help and if they pray

Drug dealers also lead people to addiction  
You might question this but I'll tell you it's not fiction  
Dealers candy-coat drugs just for a profit mission  
It's my job to tell you about the false ads they are pitching

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