

Drinking

Zara thought "It looks like fun"

All your friends are doing it

And everyone seems to be having a great time

You start by taking one sip

Then next, one beer, aye what could it hurt

But then one turns into two and two turns into three and then three turns into four

You get the picture

You feel out of your body

Misplaced and scared

"Oh no, what will Mom and Dad do?"

So, you don't call them or any one as a matter of fact

You think, "Ehh, I'm alright to drive. I only had a couple"

You start the car and put the car into reverse

You pull out of the driveway and put the car into drive

You pull away from the house and start to drive down the winding road

Your car starts to swerve but you manage to get it under control

Strike One

Eyelids start to close, they snap back open

Strike Two

All of a sudden eyelids are shutting once more

The blinding lights of an oncoming car snap you awake

The crashing of windows and the crunching of metal

The sirens wail and the lights flash

The paramedics rush to the scene to find an unconscious teenage with her breath reeking of alcohol

The pull apart the cars and break apart the metal to pull her almost lifeless body out

Once the girl was in the ambulance, they sped to the hospital

She was rushed into surgery to repair whatever was broken

She was in surgery for 6 hours

One drink, and then another

The pressure from her friends to have fun and relax leads to 6 hours of surgery, months of recovery, and physical therapy

The trauma her family goes through

That doesn't end the night

Another accident happened that night and a life was lost

A senior named Sam

On his way to college to become a doctor

He was in the same group as Zara

The pressure hit them hard

One drink and a life was lost

One drink and a girl is hanging on by a thread

One drink

That's all it takes

Take the high road

Don't drink and drive

Don't use recreational drugs and drive

Just say no

And you can

Arrive Alive