Shadia Abdulahi Edward Little High School March 26, 2018 Arrive Alive Contest Submission - Poem

Inebriate

Drunk.

Intoxication embodies your Physical personification. You're at this party and you see a bottle,

Not a second thought enters your head and you think you oughta

Have a beer or two, or four, or eight.

It doesn't matter as long as you're

Home by eight, and when you hit the gas on your car

But not the brakes and your small metal car becomes

One with the gate and theres a noise in the background.

A dull audio pours in through your ears and out through your chest.

It rings like shreds of metal raking through your body and you are

Trying your absolute best. Best to keep alive, and best to keep it together and

it is hard when your life has twisted and tangled in a final matter of

Seconds. Seconds go by and they pass like centuries and your vision clears but

You are not where you should be. Lights of white and powder blue, noises of computers and

Beeps and your mind is filled with questions like "What?" and "Who?"

As the puzzle is being undone and the memories are rewinding and untwining you remember, that intoxication embodied your personification.

Robbing you of your mortality and clouding you of judgement, and it all

Started with a

Drink