

A Preventable Requiem

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We are gathered here today
To grieve and mourn for a friend
Who I am sad to say
Has found his untimely end.

His name was John Doe
He will be dearly missed
But he didn't have to go
If only he was able to resist.

It was a regular night
John's friends brought him out
His future would've been bright
If not for the change of route.

He had a lovely fiance
And just got a raise at work
Things seemed to be going his way
But nearby, death began to lurk.

John had too much to drink
Yet insisted he could drive
If he and his friends had stopped to think
Then he might still be alive.

John took off alone in his car
His behavior was poor and brash
He sadly didn't get too far
Since he died instantly in a crash.

The whole town was shaken
Ever since that fateful day
Along with him, another life was taken
There on the cold freeway.

The pavement flashed red and blue
His body was twisted and mangled
The other victim was almost cut in two
Since their seatbelt was tangled.

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