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Arrive Alive Contest

Poem Entry

### Intoxicated

You were intoxicated long before a single drop grazed your lips

You were intoxicated with the feeling of reckless immortality

Believing that you could never be the face behind any tragic event

But as you sat behind the wheel

With blurred vision

From blurred decisions

You decided to drive

Thinking that it would all be fine

It was only a few miles away after all

But those few miles down the road

Suddenly became a dead end

When you couldn't see the yellow line

And your car collided into another

Shattering lives with the shattering glass

And you could feel the warmth from all the drinks

Quickly be replaced by the warm blood

As it slowly dripped down your face

All you could hear were the screams of pain and anguish

It took over all other senses

But not your sight

You could see all the damage you created

All the lives you had taken

And you took your final breath

As you took your own life as well

Because of your blurred vision

From blurred decisions

When you could have instead

Decided to arrive alive