## The Price To Pay

We have all been warned to not drink and drive To not delve into the deep end in the dive It feels initially good, but very few survive. I always listened like the good girl; ever ready to bend Unfortunately, this does not warrant a good end. Today I became a victim of the ignorant My day turned around, flipped over and buried in the cold night breeze It all happened faster than I even had time to perceive The blinding car lights on that sore night, forever engraved in mind like a blight. No sooner had I made a stop at the red light than I was sent flying in the air What had I done to lay my life as an offering? I played by the rules so why was I the one suffering? These were the questions of a dying girl mourning for the morning From the bottom of my watery grave I heard the distant sirens, The red and blue lights of justice signaled my unjustified end. I heard someone say, "The man that caused this is plastered" I knew I was going to die, I didn't need anyone to tell me I tried hard to hold back my scarlet tears But they came flowing like a river Shards of glass filled my hair like dandruff, I drowned in my river of blood. I closed my eyes- just Darkness Welcoming me into his oblivion Now I wake up to a white ceiling My head throbs and I can barely see "She's awake!" I hear someone say Why am I still alive to face this torture called life? I see a familiar figure- Mom! Why do we have to suffer the mistakes of others? I know that man had no idea of what was to come While he downed that bottle of vodka behind the wheels He chose to drink and drive and sent me flying high Now the pain stabs me like a million knives Sorry mum, sorry dad But my life is the price of his high Maybe if he had listened, I would still be alive I can feel my time slipping away The monitor screams at me- a reminder that I have overstayed These are my last moments I only wish I had more time to prepare. Now that I lie on his deathbed. I hope he does things right with his second chance at life I, on the other hand, have lived a good life. Make the right choices while driving, only playing by the rules So that next time we can all can arrive alive -Beeeeep!