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### Paralyzing Decision

I know the destination I'm aiming for and drive without a care in the world. I drive down the same road every day, alongside a familiar yellow dotted line down the middle. The same pine trees flow with the wind as they pass by my window. My mind is thinking about school with my music blasting my favorite artists in the background. My eyes watch as cars pass me going the same speed I am, going god knows where. A car drives in the opposite direction of me and I don't think much of it. Suddenly their speed increases drastically down the straight road. My pace stays the same as I wait for them to drive by me. They pass over the yellow line onto my side of the road. As if time was going in slow motion, the car moved ever so slowly towards the driver-side door of my car. The impact caused me to fly off the road, Having me spin out of control until I hit a nearby tree. Pain, all I felt was pain. The left side of my body had never felt this way before, and that whole side of me was numb. My ears were ringing and my body was stiff. I start to feel myself fade away, and be pulled out of my own body. My eyes start to close as I start to feel a huge weight on my eyelids. The ringing in my ears starts to quiet down. That's when I hear the faded sounds of sirens in the distance. I try to fight the urge to sleep as the sirens get closer, but couldn't stop it from happening. My eyes close and I fall into an inevitable sleep. Suddenly, I heard noises. Something beeping? Or voices? Or maybe even cars zooming by. I can't feel anything. Not my toes, not my arms, not even my legs. Slowly my eyes open hoping for the best. I see myself attached to long wires going into medical equipment. I'm in a huge

white room. To the right of me, my mom is hanging onto my hand. That's when she noticed I had woken up. After what felt like hours my doctors started to give me information about what happened to me. I was told I was paralyzed from the waist down. I was now being affected by this for the rest of my life just because of a drunk driver. Don't forget to drive safely, and never drink and drive because everyone wants to arrive alive.