

All for Just a Beer

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It's a toxic. It's a poison.
But I do it all the time.
I've seen it almost kill my friend.
But that hasn't changed my mind.

I don't really want to do it.
But I shouldn't just stay home.
If I don't go along,
I'll feel stupid and alone.

I hear people say, " It's so much fun.
I live for Friday nights."
Maybe I'm just being a baby.
Maybe they are right.

I guess throwing up doesn't really suck.
I guess my head doesn't hurt that bad.
I guess my homework can wait another day,
Since it already has.

Now we're at another party.
There are too many people here.
Everyone's pushing and fighting,
Just to get a beer.

My friend is falling down.
She doesn't look so good.
I don't think she knows,
She drank more than she should.

I'm scared because now she's sick.
But I don't know what to do.
Maybe if I hadn't drank so much,
I'd be able to see her through.

We stumble home together,
Although I know it isn't safe.

But my head is going round and round.
It's now really really late.

I can't get my friend to go to sleep.
She's just lying on the bathroom floor.
I go down the hall to get my RA.
But I stop outside her door.

I can't ask for her help though I wish I could.
She'll have to write us up.
So I go back to my room only to find.
My friend has puked all over my stuff.

I realize now that I don't have a choice.
My friend has passed out in the hall.
I need to do something before it's too late.
So I pick up the phone and call.

Public Safety is coming.
Our hall director is here.
Just because my friend didn't know
She had one too many beers.

It's a toxic. It's a poison.
I think I've heard that somewhere before.
But never has it seemed so real,
As seeing my friend carried out the door.

So even though I drank like I thought was cool
I still feel stupid and alone.
If only my friend and I had done what
We'd wanted and just stayed home.

Now I understand what I should have done.
I should have listened to my fear.
Considering I almost let my friend die.
And all for just a beer.

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