



## 2018 Graham McCulloch Memorial Bursary Winner

*"What does road safety mean to you?"*

Title: One Choice, One Chance

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One decision that you make  
Could impact someone greatly.  
One drink can end a life,  
When you drive sedately.

A car T-bones a happy family,  
Impact beyond measure.  
A daughter, a mother, a father, a son  
With so much to pleasure.

Their memories of vacations  
And spring soccer games, All  
gone with one choice  
The only choice you had to make.

Them, coming home from thanksgiving dinner,  
Same with you as well.  
Except since you made a stupid choice,  
Their chances go to hell.

The car spinning endlessly,  
Glass smashing over me,  
Can't feel my heart beating,  
Don't know what's going to be.

Silence fills the air,  
I don't know who's alive,  
A numbness fills my body,  
I begin to cry.

A paramedic taps my door  
Seeing who is conscious, I  
look to the front seat  
Viewing my mother lifeless...

Horror creeps around me,  
As I look to my side,  
My brother too  
Has tragically died.

The medics grab my body  
And put me down to lay,  
As I watch my family  
Be put into big black bags.

I knew what was happening,  
But I couldn't understand why.  
Why my family? Why  
did we have to say good-bye?

I was a kid then,  
Innocent and free,  
But with one choice you made  
My life was a black sea

One selfish act you made,  
Killed three harmless lives.  
I hate you every single day  
Because you chose to drive.

Isn't there some way you could have changed this,  
Like maybe calling a cab,  
Think of all the difference it could have made  
Without making a five-year-old girl sad.

When you get out of prison  
Maybe you should think  
About everyone you put in jeopardy  
When you chose to drink

In this world you have many choices  
And many chances too,  
But if you make them poorly  
Someone will be greatly hurt by you.

That person will never see their family grow  
And never have that dance,  
With her father on her wedding day,  
From your one choice, your one chance.

