

## Tale of an Alcoholic

Started off as a drink here n there
Use to get off work pick up my forty of beer
Mickey's or an ol' E

Never would I have thought that this is what I would come to be
Just needed a drink to help me to sleep
Helped my thoughts stop so I wouldn't think
Helped me get loose if I was at a party and I could be the real me
So I thought

I had some good ass times but for some reason I couldn't stop
I believed that's what everyone did
So how could it be what im doin is sin
Hey you know what I was just a kid and that's what they do
Party hearty all them forty's to my body
Partly naughty end up with my head in the potty
Waking up the next day feeling like the dark see
Wanting to flee from me and be free
Alcohol was my master key my mustard seed
That little ass thing came to be this big ass tree

And soon enough a problem for me
This one escape would do me in

But could always find an excuse to disagree
If I took some b12 and some vitamin c I would be fine right

Tylenol water to get my mind back in flight Years pass by with these same ol' thoughts

I can't be that bad never been in trouble from the cops

Still got my job my car a girl this nice watch so why should I stop Then I would notice I was hiding from my moms and pops

Everyone else would just get in the way

Leave me alone to drink ended up hiding everyday

Bottle of whiskey beer wine vodka whatever didn't matter to me what ever would work better

A day without a drink hahaha never

This liquid is my courage made me witty and clever
Nevermind the achy feet and the spins stomach pains
Fill up my glass again to make it all go away
And that's exactly what it did made everything go away
Isolation to the max but I just couldn't wait
Sounded good to me give me that drink and set me free

Astray lay alone in my bed guzzle drinks till I passed out

Waking up around 6 in the morning reaching my hand about



To gab what I hadn't finished and chug that bitch no doubt

Came to be never a couple of hours without

A swig of something kept a flask in my pocket to sip throughout

I couldn't ever be in drought

Liquor stops daily

Never missed

Liver growls painfully

Lesser gist

I started to lose my gifts

Lost job and then the girl

Fuck what am I doing to myself what happened to my world The pain of that lost still hurts me today how could I let this liquid run me daily

Ruin me and play me like ukulele

No more the master key just the master

Chained me up like a drunk ass bastard

Plastered hammered moving faster towards disaster I put many in hazard

I gave up on life I stopped looking for answers

I couldn't stop my patterns

It grew like cancer

I was haggard.

I walked into the room scared and beat Who would of thought these people are happy And WHAT they have the same story as me Taught me how it works and what I should do

It was all up to me

Its action in the right direction that can set me free

Listened

Shared what i was dealt

Not an easy thing to do but spoke on how i felt
First couple months was like going through the asteroid belt
Dodging obstacles dealing with feelings that I have not felt in a while
Its was all the stuff that I was running and hiding from that was all compiled

I tell you today I can give an honest smile

And feel grateful for what I got

I will stick around another day

Cause what I have today truly does mean a lot

Hopefully be able to give what I have been taught

I try and work on myself a little progress day by day

I'll keep coming back with willingness to be shown the way.

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