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English 102

Brad Paisley “Alcohol”

“I can make anybody pretty. I can make you believe any lie. I can make you pick a fight with somebody twice your size. Well I've been known to cause a few breakups and I've been known to cause a few births. I can make you new friends or get you fired from work.” This is the beginning to the country song called, “Alcohol” by Brad Paisley. In this song called Alcohol, Brad Paisley explains how alcohol affects people that get intoxicated. Brad Paisley refers to alcohol in first person, and as if alcohol itself is telling its own story.

In the beginning of the song Brad says, “I can make anybody pretty”, meaning that with alcohol males/females may appear to be more attractive than what they really are. Lots of times alcohol affects human sexual orientation. Brad Paisley may be saying this because he himself may have been a victim of alcohol affecting his sexual orientation.



In the next line Brad says, “I can make you believe any lie”. My interpretation to what Brad is saying is that alcohol leads people into believing everything they hear. Alcohol affects the brain and how it functions which may make this true.

“I can make you pick a fight with somebody twice your size”, what Brad is saying in this line is targeted more towards men than women. Most men when drunk think that they are invincible and that they can take on anyone. I have seen on first hand how alcohol affects the way my buddies interact with other guys. When my buddies are intoxicated it seems as if they just out looking for someone to give them a dirty look or to cross their path so they can get in a fight.



In the line, “I’ve been blamed to cause a few break ups and I’ve been blamed to cause a few births”, Brad is revealing some negative outcomes that can occur due to alcohol. I know of a lot of break ups due to alcohol, alcohol causes a lot people to do and say stuff that they wouldn’t usually do/say. The second part of this line is pretty straight forward; many babies are born because of alcohol which leads to unsafe sex.

“I can make you new friends or get you fired from work”, Brad as alcohol is saying, there are positive and negative effects to alcohol. The positive effect of drinking alcohol is it makes people more sociable and friendly. The negative effect would be it causes people to over sleep and miss work or take crazy pictures and put them on the internet.

I believe the meaning to this song is to explain all the different affects of alcohol in a amusing type of way. I believe that the song lyrics of Alcohol gives justice to how alcohol affects different people’s behavior. I can relate to this song from past experiences, knowing how alcohol changes my behavior and my way of thinking. Alcohol can be both good and bad, depending on how you look at it.

http://www.lyricsmode.com/lyrics/b/brad_paisley/alcohol.html

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