

My little corner of Canada by John Amagoalik

## **Spirits in a Bottle**

Whoever first described alcohol as “spirits” had a good reason. There are spirits living in that bottle. Which spirit takes control of you depends on how much you drink. The first spirit is a laughing, silly spirit. It is mostly harmless, but can't be loud and annoying. This is the social drinking spirit. It is mostly found in receptions and the early opening hours of most bars.

The next spirit that occupies you as you drink past the social drinking spirit is not as harmless. It is the “I think I am superman” spirit. When this spirit occupies you, you think that you are the strongest, the wisest and the most irresistible person in the world. The spirit can steal your good judgement and your physical co-ordination. It makes you think that you're superman. In reality, it makes you a dangerous idiot.

The third spirit in that bottle is the most unpredictable and deadly one. The spirit can be evil. It can take over your body and mind and make you do things that you would never do under normal circumstances. This spirit can bring violence, rape and even murder. This is the spirit from the dark side. It brings sadness, sorrow and pain. This spirit can be found at the bottom of a bootleggers bottle and in the closing hours of some bars. Drink if you must. But beware the spirits.