

## Beginnings not endings: Amanda Hamilton

It's a gateway drug  
People would say  
Marijuana or pot  
Is what starts the day

But not for me  
It became much harder  
Pot to me  
Was something of a starter

Rack up a line  
Have a snort they'd say  
The night is young  
It's time to play

But nights became days  
And days became weeks  
And before I knew it  
I'd started to freak

Watching out for police  
Listening for a wire tap  
Checking out if I'm followed  
Looking for the hidden trap

And then my friends started to disappear  
My job obsolete  
My home was one of fear

Syringes in the bin  
Money hidden behind wall art  
Drug friends in my lounge room  
Drug dealing became a new start

But I didn't care  
I didn't frown  
I didn't blink as my life tumbled down

You see to me it was a party  
The best one in town  
My buzzer was hot  
My social life was my crown

And then I got restless  
My mind became adrift  
A yearning had started  
Drugs and me started to split

But first I OD'd and so did my friend  
The Sword of Damocles appeared  
My life was on a limb

I don't know how it started  
A sense of spirit had begun  
Spirituality had arisen  
A healing path within had started to be sung

I booked in for courses  
I started my search  
But first I needed to know  
If this path was just a flirt

I went to a Channelling  
Nathaniel was their name  
And their opening words were  
You are a Healer  
Yet to be trained

So, at 25 I finished  
A dangerous path of drugs  
And something else filled it  
That now ends with a hug

You see now I'm a healer  
Using my hands and a connected heart  
I tune into the God force  
And bring my client back to their start

To their connection  
Their purpose  
Their love  
And life force

To the beginning of their story  
To their soul's journey  
To the Source

I give thanks for my path  
I feel grateful each day  
For this god driven story  
One out of dismay

So, whenever you see  
Someone lost on their path  
Know there is a guidance  
Know the divine has a laugh

For we never know where  
our life is heading towards  
But one thing's for sure  
Our path heads straight to God