

Drugs in Music

Many music artists reference drugs and alcohol in their lyrics. The lyrics may not mean anything to you, but some artists relate to the music they write, not just say them to get attention. For example, if an artist references drugs like Percocet or Xanax, which are types of painkiller pills, the artist might actually be taking these drugs to calm them, or they are addicted. I found that many overdoses of musical artists are from opioid painkillers, such as the ones mentioned above.

Michael Jackson, Prince and lots of other artists have overdosed on drugs. Recently, rapper Lil Peep died of a suspected overdose. "Lil Peep bragged of taking 6 Xanax, 3 hours before his death," (Beaumont-Thomas, Ben, *The Guardian*). Lil Peep mentioned (in his music) many times that his "life don't mean shit" (lyrics from one of his songs). Another line of his says, "I hear voices in my head, they tellin' me to call it quits," referring to suicide by way of painkillers. It is still unclear if Lil Peep really did commit suicide, or if it was out of mere wanting of respect, that taking 6 Xanax pills would gain him respect in the music business. Drugs play a large part in rap music, as it leads to what artists write about.