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To Run or Not To Run

To run, or not to run: that is the question:

Whether ‘tis better to persevere through cross country running, as part of a team,

Or to retire and have leisure time.

And by opposing end them? To run: to rest;

No more; and to run, I run as part of the team,

A critical lego piece helping to build upon others,

Pushing each other to go further.

To improve health, to live longer,

Running is an ingredient for good health,

Exercise is the key to longevity.

To fuel the day with energy,

Morning practices rejuvenate the body,

The oil to the lamp. To run, to rest;

To sleep: 7:30 am morning practice,

My bed pleads me to remain as the sparse light shines through my blinds.

So joyful it is when greeted by the chanting chickadees instead of the crisp wind and hazy horizon.

After school running slaughters my schedule,

No practice, no inconvenience,

Homework is conquered, and studying is completed.

All eyes are bolted on my clumsy form at the finish line,

If I do not race, I will not be the punchline to the comedian,

No longer will there be judging stares plastered at my back.

Thus conscience does make cowards of us all;

To quit is to admit that I was foolish to join,

Continuing cross country is my choice,

Though I am worn like the soles of a ballerina’s slippers, rushing through homework like Niagara Falls,

And the omega of the pack in races,

I look back to the beginning and remember:

I have accomplished far more than what I thought was possible.

Thus I will continue.

After all,

What is life with no risk?