

Dreaming the Possible Dream

Scrawler-4
3rd Place

Yusra Mardini, an Olympic refugee,
Pulled a sinking boat of 17 people just to be free.
If she and her sister didn't know how to swim,
The outcome of 19 lives would have ended being grim.
Now in Germany from Syria—she continued practicing in chlorine,
Even though she has been through so much at only age 18.
Yusra competed and worked hard in her swimming—
Day and night she still dreamt of winning.
With the Rio Olympics about to begin and her talent in the sport,
Yusra Mardini headed straight to the airport.
Once in Brazil, using her arms and legs with so much force,
She swam as fast as a running horse.
Yusra used her courage, she used her skills,
She picks herself up when there are spills.
Ranking 45th for the 100m freestyle and 40th in the butterfly,
Yusra has now gone beyond her limits: she is flying in the sky.
What had so recently been just a fairy tale,
Is now a reality as she is walking down the success trail.
This role model has taught me that a dream can never be too far away,
If you just keep on trying, you'll get there one day.
I am so proud that she made the Refugee Olympic Athletes Team,
Yusra Mardini is still dreaming the possible dream.