**The Race**

Two little girls;

Exactly the same age.

Neither are competing,

But one is better in the race.

The girl with the golden ponytail

Has practiced and is ready.

She can run like the wind

And never gets caught.

the girl with the black bowl cut

has not practiced at all.

whenever she tries to run

she is punished.

The girl with the golden ponytail

Stands on the podium.

Her parents right there

Cheering her on.

the girl with the black bowl cut

watches from below.

her parents absent

and have been for a while.

The girl with the golden ponytail

Must step down from the podium.

She must ignore the cheering crowd

And listen to the girl watching from below.

The girl with the golden ponytail

Must forfeit her win.

Because until she refuses

The prize she never earned

We will never be able to forget

About the race.

-Sarah Stroeder