

### Assisted Learning Secondary

#### RUNNER-UP

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**Running Wild Tomorrow**

Cross Country tomorrow,  
My table of joyfulness is,  
Full of ridiculously amazing things,  
Until my brother, who was always full of the brick of anger,  
Burst in the door of my enthusiasm,  
Causing in it to smash under the brick of anger.

My good feelings started to scatter  
And sour ones came charging through,  
But my mum always throws a brick of excitement  
Into everyone's flash of frustration.

We shoved the grumps away,  
Stopped our huffs and felt inspired  
Again to dash through an epically,  
Stupendous Cross Country event.

**Judge Comment:**

So many different emotions coursing through this poem. Who could forget the recurring – and highly original! – image of the 'brick of anger'?