

The Olympic Swimmer
(Inspired by the story of Yusra Mardini)

Her parents told her she could be an Olympic swimmer

But

She needed to leave her country because it wasn't safe

She boarded the dingy with her sister

Crammed together inside the tiny boat

Nervous and afraid

Floating in the open sea

The motor breaks

She jumps into the water

And

Pulls the boat

Salt from sweat and tears stings her lips

Ropes tied around her hands

It cuts her skin

Her body aches

It's not just a practice in a pool

Worried faces

Loud cries

"We're all going to die at sea."

Tired arms

But

It's like she has wings

Determined like a monarch butterfly
Hopeful she will reach her new home

Yes

She will make it and achieve her dream

The swimmer

Headlines around the world

Sharing her courageous story

Her dangerous voyage at sea

Now

A thrilling adventure in the pool

Reminding the world of the strength of refugees

Courageous and brave

A role model for the whole world to see