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Running

The last lace tightened around my foot.
Grounding me, securing me, strapping me in for
For the next 4 miles with a crack and a push, we were off
Yet a question remained.

The moisture from our lungs clung to the air
Our feet stamped the ground as we jostled and jolted
Blurs of green, red and blue fell behind as I ran ahead
Yet a question remained

The question wasn't training.
I'd done that well.
The question wasn't shoes
These were brand new.
There was a commotion behind and
I returned to the race
Yet a question remained

We ran past squirrels up in their lofts and
White fences defending their turf
We rounded a bend and a checkered banner stared me in the face
Yet a question remained.

As the ribbon crossed my chest the question hit my mind.
Was I running toward a goal
Or away from something worse

Now as the medal rounded my shoulders
Another question remained.