I Ran a Marathon

I want to run a marathon.
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When I went to run the marathon,
I got hot and thirsty too.

So I ran down the block
to go to my house
and get a drink.

When I got back,
the other runners had left me behind.
I felt so sad and had tried so hard.
I thought of giving up, but I said, "NO!"
So I ran
    and ran
        and ran.
        I caught up to the very back.
        I still ran.
        I was hot and thirsty too.
        I thought of giving up again,
        but I was more than halfway through.

        I saw so many friends and family too,
        cheering me on
        even though I got left behind.
        Their voices gave me courage to keep on going.
        So I ran
            and ran
                and ran.
                When I crossed the finish line,
                I felt so happy, I could even cry.
                I was not the first, but not the worst.
                My friends and family got together
                We had a little party all together.

                I looked in my past and noticed this:
                Being first is not the best.
                It's having the courage to start.
                Not giving up is better.

Blooming Flower

Willful, adventurous, helpful, and sweet

Hidden in a book, imagining the characters

Optimistic, thinker, inclusive, and fun friend

Is a sister, daughter, cousin, granddaughter, and niece

Artist, musician, and creator of comics

Mom, dad, brother, plus more - these are the people I care for

Fun, laughter, hugs and kisses fill the room

A group of people who you will never forget

Multicultural and multigenerational - traditions all around

Inspire you to try new experiences and adventures

Love and support when you are knocked down and need to be lifted up

Yearning for more memories and time when far away

I Believe

I believe in kindness

I believe we should all not fight

I believe in friendship

I believe we should work hard

I believe we should stay healthy

And we should be mindful of others

I believe we should take care of the earth

And we should take care of us.