

ODE- ALLISON POTTER

THANK YOU RUNNING,

MOST PEOPLE DON'T LIKE YOU
BUT I HAVE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.
EVER SINCE THE THIRD GRADE
WHEN I DECIDED TO TRY SOMETHING NEW
AND JOIN A RUNNING CLUB
I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED YOU.

YOU BRING ME SO MUCH JOY
EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE TIRING
EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE CHALLENGING
EVEN IF I LACK MOTIVATION SOME DAYS
I STILL LOVE YOU AND APPRECIATE YOU
FOR HELPING ME TO STAY HEALTHY AND FIT.

EVERY TIME I RUN
I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE A RIVER
NEVER STOPPING
NOT EVEN FOR A BREAK
FLOWING AT A STEADY PACE
PUSHING MYSELF TO FLOW FARTHER AND FARTHER.

I LOVE THE FEELING WHEN I START A RACE
AND THE GUN GOES "BANG!"
MY FEET FEEL FREE, LIKE CLOUDS IN THE SKY
AND SOMETHING TURNS ON INSIDE ME
AND I JUST TAKE OFF LIKE A ROCKET.

ALL MY FRIENDS THINK I'M CRAZY
FOR LOVING SOMETHING SO EXHAUSTING
BUT I KNOW I'M NOT
BECAUSE I HAVE PASSION
AND DETERMINATION
AND THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO BE A RUNNER.

ALL THE BEST,

ALLISON POTTER