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Title Kids Running With Prosthetics

Author / Director / N/A (found on Twitter)

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

While on Twitter, I found this picture in my feed, posted by a Twitter page called "Fascinating Pictures."

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc? )

This picture depicts four children, two Caucasian and two African Americans, who have all lost either one or both of their legs and are wearing prosthetic, or artificial, ones. One of the girls has even lost half of her arm. All of the kids are in somewhat athletic clothes, and they are standing at the start line of a track, presumably at some sort of school or public track and field. The children, despite their obvious physical disabilities, appear ready to race. They are most likely at a practice rather than a competition, considering the race consists of both boys and girls and there does not appear to be anyone else there. Although three out of the four children appear optimistic and hopeful about the face, one of the girls looks sad and depressed, as if she knows she will lose or wishes she could have a normal lifestyle with fully functional legs.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

The obvious, most prominent theme of this picture is the overcoming of difficulties and boundaries. Although the picture does not show what type of race of the kids are competing in, the reference to track and field conjures up the idea of hurdles, both literal and figurative in this case, furthering the theme of conquering and overcoming. Clearly, any type of disability or impairment holds a person back from achieving his or her dream, but that does not mean that the pursuit necessarily ends there. This picture is indicative of the fact that no goal or aspiration is ever unattainable as long as a person is truly dedicated and willing to achieve it. People everyday give up on their hopes and dreams because they come across a road block or obstruction that is seemingly insurmountable, but these kids, already afflicted by a handicap, approach and live life to their maximum capabilities, no matter if they don't succeed. Because everyday struggles are battles for these kids, they learn to make the best of their time on earth by pursuing their passions, which, in this case, must be running, because they know nothing greater than their tangible infirmities could ultimately get in the way.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

This picture is taken from the point of view of a spectator, such as a coach or parent, that is watching the children run and compete. Despite the fact that all of the kids are missing one or more legs and are competing in an athletic sport, which is obviously both a physical and psychological achievement, track and field is a symbol for all people trying to overcome difficulties and "hurdles" in their life.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

Oftentimes when I am browsing through the social media app Twitter, I come across photos like this one, which spontaneously strike me as significant, worthwhile, and poetic. I sincerely like and appreciate this photo because these very kids are a perfect example of how life should be lived on earth. The innocent, ambitious, and passionate drive that these kids possess is both inspirational and deceptively hopeful for the future and future generations. Although the picture seemingly depicts a perfect reality with kids who are ready to tackle life head on and without restraint, life unfortunately, for the most part, does not pan out in this way for people. Kids lose their innocence, and life becomes more complex, leaving people doubtful and skeptical of their own abilities and the abilities and limitations of mankind. Thought and reason take over and eclipse instinct and a boundless imagination of belief and wonder. Nevertheless, at least this picture is hopeful and poetic in the sense that these kids, having been held back their entire lives by disabilities that they had no control over, will learn to live life in a way that assumes nothing is impossible. And surely, if people with physical and/or mental disabilities can accomplish their goals and aspirations, then others too should be awakened and inspired to never give up in their pursuits. The way these disabled children approach life is poetic and should be a lesson for all to follow.

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