

Dream Team by Frances Nagle



My team
will have all the people in it
who're normally picked last.

Such as me.

When it's my turn to be chooser
I'll overlook Nick Magic-Feet-Jones
And Supersonic Simon Hughes

And I'll point at my best friend Sean
Who'll faint with surprise
And delight.

And at Robin who's always the one
Left at the end that no one chose –
Unless he's away, in which case it's guess who?

And Tim who can't see a thing
Without his glasses.
I'll pick him.

And the rest of the guys that Mr Miller
Calls dead-legs but only need their chance
To show what they're made of.

We'll play in the cup final
In front of the class, the school, the town,
The world, the galaxy.

And due to the masterly leadership shown
By their captain, not forgetting
His three out-of-the-world goals,

WE'LL WIN.

Name:	Class:	Date:
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1 Why will Nick Jones and Simon Hughes not be in the narrator’s team?

2d

1 mark

2 Suggest a different word to replace the word “supersonic” in the phrase: “Supersonic Simon Hughes”.

2a

1 mark

3 (a) Who do you think will be captain of the team?

(b) Why will he be a successful captain? Use words and phrases from the text in your answer.

2d

2 marks

4 “And the rest of the guys that Mr Miller/Calls dead-legs”.

(a) In verse 6, what do you think “dead-legs” means?

2g

1 mark

(b) What does the narrator understand about people that Mr Miller doesn’t?

2b

1 mark

5 How is the last verse different from the first verse?

2h

1 mark

6 What do you think will happen the next time Mr Miller picks his team? Use words and phrases from the poem in your answer.

2e

2 marks