

# Who understands me but me?

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- 1)She says hit harder, and I swing faster
- 2)She says pass here, and I am consistent
- 3)She says run faster, and I get tougher
- 4)She says talk louder, and I am aware
- 5)She says jump higher, and I get stronger
- 6)She says block her, and I engage my core
- 7)She says keep going, and I dig deeper
- 8)She says serve here, and I am accurate
- 9)She says you have 35 seconds, and I make it in 34
- 10)Sweat dripping,
- 11)Heart racing,
- 12)Legs cramping,
- 13)Head throbbing,
- 14)Breathe struggling,
- 15)She thinks I'll give up,
- 16)She thinks I'll quit,
- 17)But I won't give up,
- 18)And I won't quit.
- 19)Who understands me when I say I love this?
- 20)Who understands me when I say I want to do this everyday?
  
- 21)It's game day, pressures on
- 22)We meet in the huddle, we couldn't be more ready
- 23)All the hussle, has led up to this moment
- 24)All the tears, have led up to this moment
- 25)All the reps, have led up to this moment
- 26)They serve, the ball sails over the net
- 27)We pass,-bump-a flawless pass into the setters fragile hands
- 28)We set, the ball is perfectly placed, like pieces of a puzzle
- 29)It's time, the ball is headed my way
- 30)Anticipation, dedication, let's do this.
- 31)Heart pounding, legs ready to jump, left-right-left, and POW!
- 32)I could just feel it.
- 33)The ball was a hammer on the nail striking the court -slam- perfection.
- 34)The crowd roars, the arena is shaking
- 35)As if a herd of wild elephants is behind me
- 36)I couldn't stop smiling, my cheeks started to hurt
- 37)Winning feels so much better when you know you put everything into it,
- 38)When you have given everything you have inside.

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## Analysis:

Theme: When you give everything you have, the reward is so much greater.

Stanza 1-lines 15-18 this is repetition because the words "give up" and "quit" are repeated.

Stanza 2-lines 23-25 this is repetition because the phrase of "have led up to this moment" was repeated and the idea of everything you have worked on being tested.

Stanza 1-lines 1-9 this is an example of parallelism because the sentence starts with "she says" then a two worded command, followed by "and I" then a two worded physical or mental benefit.

Stanza 1-lines 10-14 this is an example of parallelism because a two worded statement ending with -ing describing physical exertion.

Stanza 2-lines 26-29 this is an example of parallelism because there is a two worded statement (action) then a comma then a detailed description.

Stanza 2-line 26 this is an example of a metaphor because the ball can't sail like a boat over the net.

Stanza 2-line 33 this is an example of a metaphor because the court can't really be hammered by a ball the ball just slammed it really hard.

Stanza 2- line 28 this is an example of a simile because each step wasn't an actual puzzle piece it's just when everything goes perfectly and fits and works it's like puzzle pieces fitting together.

Stanza 2-line 35 this is an example of a simile because there wasn't an actual herd of elephants behind me but the crowd was loud and stomping and jumping with excitement.