Joy FC vs Abyss United

The 1st half begins. Whistle screams in excitement

I see Failure, the opposing coach
7 feet skyscraper sporting a devilish demeanor.

I inform Optimism to run across the slick grass
and pass the noir soccer ball to Kindness.

Kindness, quick on the ball, settles with assurance.
She sprints like a cheetah
People chant her name as she preps
for the critical shot against the opposing goalie, Regret.

Kindness strikes the ball smoothly
towards the bottom right corner of the goal.

1 - 0 Joy FC

Whistle blows again and the game advances.

Sadness gets the ball and spirals past
Compassion, Courtesy, and Comfort smooth as Maradona.

Cheer, our top goalie, runs to prevent the tying goal

Sadness nutmegs him straight through the legs & into the net.

1-1 tie game

Halftime whistle blows and my players come back to me
I take a deep breath and say:

There were times when I was bullied for sounding like a five year old at nine. It made me question why I was a 5th grade Kirby. Ridiculed for my big body Reduced my being to a bleak boy. Constant rage because no one Understood my abyss. My voice silenced by the simple minded, wallowed beneath shame’s thick shadows.
I’m tired of the jabs trying to knock me off. I’m tired of hiding my true self. I won’t stop working until I shatter every limit. I broke out the abyss, now I’m ascending into bliss. So break free of your fears! Slide tackle your own barriers. Do what no one thought you could. You were destined to win this!

Whistle blows again, the ball back in our hands

Late in the game. Opportunities miles away
Hope, our shining star, finally gets the ball
He dribbles with determination painted on his face.

Doubt and Despair couldn’t keep up with his lightning speed

Hope crosses the ball over Fear, Hate, and Horror

Kindness positions herself confidently
Ignoring the winds in her face, she takes the volley

The ball soars with grace straight into the top left corner

Full-time: Joy FC - 2 Abyss United - 1

Abyss United jaunts off in humiliation
Our fans scream in delight
Kindness milly rocks in mid-air
Hoisted up by her teammates

Joy FC shaping a new legacy
Leaving any abyss to rot