

Dead Battery by Zongezile Matshoba

It was a cold day
The car refused to start
Somebody shouted 'Kick-start it!'
A neighbour came to inject some momentum
'Push!' We energised everyone
Vroom, the child played with invisible steering
'Release the hand-break!'
The exhaust seemed exhausted
The battery had died
The bonnet was opened
'Check the negative and positive'
'How does a battery die?'
The little one asked crying
A bot giggle came from the bonnet
It sounded like ...
The child laughed
The car was idling
They all drove off