



Caterpillars - J. Irving

Caterpillars. Funny things.

They all start off as eggs,

Then hatch into these crawly things

With lots and lots of legs.

They stuff themselves on juicy leaves,

So they grow big and fat.

Then build themselves a warm cocoon,

And that's the end of that.

Or so you think – but that's not all,

For as time passes by,

The caterpillar turns into

A lovely butterfly.

So if I eat a lot of greens,

And curl up in my doona,

I might become a butterfly

next month, or maybe sooner.