**Bugs, Beetles, and Butterflies**

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Some bugs are pretty. Some are ugly.

Some people hate anything “buggly”!

Some bugs swim. Most bugs fly.

Some can bite and make you cry.

Bugs are fat. Bugs are thin.

Some are skinny as a pin.

Bugs suck blood. Some smell bad.

Watching bugs can make you sad.

Bugs creep. Bugs eat leaves.

Some bugs even act like thieves.

Beetles click. Beetles dance.

Did you ever have one crawl up your pants?

Some are fast. Some like mud.

Some even make balls of crud.

Beetles eat pests. Beetles eat mice.

Sometimes a beetle doesn’t smell very nice.

Butterflies flit. Butterflies flutter.

Butterflies can be as yellow as butter.

Butterflies are mostly wing, with lots of strips and dots.

Look at all the colors and the many kinds of spots.

From the tiny egg of a butterfly

comes a caterpillar, which cannot fly.

It changes into a pupa. And then one day…

a butterfly crawls out and flies away.