

CHRYSA LIS DREAM:

A caterpillar's secret longing

Do you long to emerge from your silk coffin
and discover vistas across fields and streams?

Do you wish to flutter in summer breezes
while smelling fresh honeysuckle
or ripe cranberries?

Do you want to dance above pine needles
while beholding sunbeams?

Ah, such are the dreams
of many cocooned half-caterpillars,
stuck within the chrysalises of their youth
whose wings are weirdly forming
and bodies feel somehow uncouth.

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