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READ THIS POEM AS YOU LISTEN TO THE RECORDING.

Our Chrysalis Moment (adapted)
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A chrysalis is the hard shell that a caterpillar spins around itself while it is growing so that it can become a butterfly.

This is our chrysalis moment
When we begin to change

Every caterpillar must do it eventually
Or die
Never to sprout their colorful wings in the air
and fly

So like the caterpillar
We may as well surrender
Cocooning in our homes
Our world turned upside down

Inside there is stillness
Inside, there is rest

Outside, the air is clearing
The rains are falling
You can feel the peace
Settling on the land at last
And when at last the dream awakens
To its first beginnings
The chrysalis melts away

A caterpillar no longer
We spread our tender wings
And fly

From My Cocoon

We are all staying home like caterpillars in their cocoons. What does your day look like in your cocoon?

You can write as if it is happening now (present tense)

For example: I wake up at 6 o'clock

I am writing a poem

Or you can write as if it happened before now (past tense)

For example: I woke up at 6 o'clock

I wrote a poem

You can use any or all of the words in the list to help you. Or use your own!

ACTIONS

sleep	jump	cry	yell
talk	wash	laugh	hold
fly	watch	joke	look
phone	read	smile	squeeze
play	write	frown	hear
eat	make	sigh	smell

WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW

Don't forget to include the time, where you are, and how! And use colors!

For example: I am under the window eating food like a hungry pink tiger

Use these words or make up your own. Remember **YOU ARE A POET** - you can make it up!

For example: I am flying over my house with yellow feathers yelling hello to my friends

at midnight	by the door	at 4:20 am
in the ceiling	like a pigeon	teal
under my bed	over a purple sun	indigo
when the moon is full	when it gets dark	cobalt blue (look it up!)
in the sunshine	like a ... (name an animal)	lilac
inside the carpet	after my mom leaves	

You can also use feeling words – use these words or your own!

happy sad bored angry scared annoyed surprised pleased grateful upset content

1. Now write your poem.
2. When you're finished, write it again, but change the order of the lines!

For example:

Write your poem the first time:

I wake up at 7:20 in the morning under a lilac star

I brush my feet and giggle like a half-moon

I eat squishy corn chips while my mom sings a rock song

Write your poem the second time and change the order:

I eat squishy corn chips while my mom sings a rock song

I wake up at 7:20 in the morning under a lilac star

I brush my feet and giggle like a half-moon

Poets! Are You Ready?