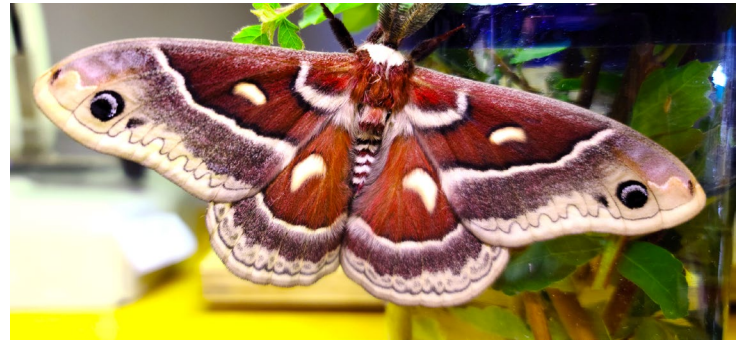


Big Fat Caterpillar

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Sung in the key of C / Shown below: the Glover's Silk Moth, *Hyalophora gloveri*



[CHORUS]

A big fat caterpillar spins a cocoon,
Turns into a moth and flies by the moon,
To meet another moth and then one day,
There's a lot of little baby caterpillars on the way.

VERSE 1:

It all begins with a little bitty dot,
But look a little closer and see what you got,
There's a little bitty egg with a big surprise,
A little baby caterpillar tucked inside!

The eggs all hatch and what do you know,
The little baby caterpillars grow and grow,
They eat and they eat until pretty soon,
They all stop eating — and spin a cocoon.

[CHORUS REPEAT]



VERSE 2:

There's a cozy little bed inside their cocoon,
Now they're fallin' asleep and it's not too soon,
Just before changing to their pupa form,
Sleepin' through the winter until it's warm.

Then they all wake up and what do you know!
Cocoons hatch open and out they go!
Drying out their wings, waiting all day,
But when the sun goes down,
They're flying away!

[CHORUS REPEAT]

VERSE 3:

A moth and a butterfly can look the same,
Both have pretty colors and a fancy name.
But one makes a chrysalis and one, a cocoon,
Flyin' by the sun or light of the moon.

The little baby caterpillars grow and grow,
They eat and eat and before you know,
They sleep all winter until the spring,
Butterfly or moth — taking off again!

[CHORUS REPEAT]

There's a lot of little baby caterpillars on the way.
There's a lot of little baby caterpillars on the way.