

SEASONS' SONG!

Caterpillars
Creep, creep
Over leaves
And eat, eat.

Grow and grow,
Then they s-l-o-w,
Slowly weave
A place to sleep!

Sleep, sleep
All Autumn,
And the Winter long,
Till Spring
Sings her song!

Spring wakes
Butterflies,
Butterflies
That flutter by
Over the flowers
Eating the honey
In warm, sunny hours!

Butterflies
Lay their eggs
Safe away
From beaks and legs,
Lay their eggs
Under leaves
Safe from summer heat.

This is a seasonal cycle
Now complete!

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TEACHER NOTES and ACTIVITIES

This poem is written in scattered rhyme to carry the flow of words down the page, to give the poem rhythm.

The subject is Spring but the poem mentions all four seasons as they are reflected in the life cycle of the butterfly.

Activities:

1. Find a reference to each of the four seasons in the poem and draw a picture of something that reminds you of each of the seasons.
2. Create a poster showing the life cycle of the Butterfly as described in the poem.
3. Find the rhymes in the poem and match them using the letters of the alphabet.

Are the rhymes *internal* or *at the end of the words*, for instance, 'creep,' 'leaves' and 'eat' all share an internal rhyme. 'Creep' and 'sleep' have rhyming last syllables.

Example :

Caterpillars

Creep, creep a, A

Over leaves a

And eat, eat. a

Grow and grow, B

Then they s-l-o-w, B

Slowly weave a

A place to sleep! a A

4. The poem contains a number of *adjectives* (describing words for nouns) and *adverbs* (words that describe an action). Find at least one example of each in the poem.