I Wonder

Does a butterfly miss
its wiggly caterpillar days?

Do tadpoles suspect
that they'll soon grow four
jumpy legs?

How does the leafy future
of an immense green tree
fit inside this tiny
seed?

I don't know, but I'm going to plant
many seedlings anyway, so that by the time
I'm old, a whole forest will wave
happy branches.

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