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They would wake to the song of the blackbird.
And fly through skies of forget-me-not blue.


They would sip from buttercups . . .
flit through sunbeams . . .
and bathe in gold dust.

The days grew long.
The caterpillars grew longer.
"It won't be long now," they said.
"We will be butterflies. Beautiful butterflies.
Sisters under the sun."



The bees were leaving.
The flowers turned to seed.



"When the sun sleeps, we will sleep," the caterpillars said.
"When we wake, our dreams will all come true."