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Opening extract from
The Very Hungry Caterpillar
a Pull-out Pop-up

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In the light of
the moon
a little egg
lay on a leaf.



One morning the warm sun came up and

–pop!– out of the egg came
a tiny and very hungry caterpillar.



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He started to look for some food.
He ate through one apple, two pears

and three plums.



but he was still hungry.

He ate through four strawberries

and five oranges.



but he was still hungry.

He ate through
one piece of chocolate cake,
one pickle, one slice of salami.



one lollipop, one piece of cherry pie,
and one slice of watermelon.



That night he had a stomachache!

So he ate a nice green leaf.
After that he felt
much better.



Now he wasn't a little
caterpillar any more.
He was a big,
fat caterpillar.

He built a cocoon
around himself
and stayed inside.

Then he nibbled his way out and ...



He was a beautiful butterfly!



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For my sister Gloria

