

Caterpillars and butterflies

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A perfect pairing of a hand play and a song for Spring. '**Lets go to sleep**' / '**Oh, butterfly**'. I've just seen my first butterfly of the year; the flowers have come out followed by these beautiful creatures.

'Lets go to sleep' a hand play, great for fine motor skills:

1. Place fingers onto left palm. 2. Cover with right hand fingers. 3. Open fingers slowly. 4. Cross hands at wrists and fly away.

“Let's go to sleep,” the little caterpillars said,
As they curled up tight in a chrysalis bed.
They will wake up by and by,
And each one will be - a lovely butterfly!



‘Oh, butterfly’: Use for a colour / minibeast theme. Young children can make a card finger butterfly in a chosen colour, attached to a card ring. Place on the forefinger moving it high and low and here, there and everywhere.

Older children can use clipart or photography to make realistic ring butterflies and to introduce them to the variety of colours and patterns to be found on a butterfly.

G D G Am D7 G D7
 Oh, but - ter - fly, Oh, but - ter - fly, How love - ly are your col - ours. Oh,
 G D G Am D7 G D7
 but - ter - fly, Oh, but - ter - fly, How love - ly are your col - ours. You
 G C D7 G D7 G D7
 fly so high up in the sky, You are so light and beau - ti - ful, Oh,
 G D G Am D7 G
 but - ter - fly, Oh, but - ter - fly, How love - ly are your col - ours!

Oh, butterfly, Oh, butterfly,
How lovely are your colours.

Oh, butterfly, Oh, butterfly,
How lovely are your colours.
You fly so high up in the sky,
You are so light and beautiful,

Oh, butterfly, Oh, butterfly,
How lovely are your colours.