

Butterfly

By Ellie Boline

Based on "Seal" by William Jay Smith

The delicate and dull cocoon,
Waiting to finally crack
Hanging on the oak limb
Silent, smooth, still
Only to be broken
Revealing a drastic change
A complete metamorphosis

The new creature emerges
Sliding through crisp air
Flapping colorful wings
Gorgeous, gliding
Only to discover
Leaving the past behind
A new beginning to endure

Dachshunds

By Dani Zentz

Based on "Giraffes" by Sy Kahn

Stubby canines,
Features cute, but ridiculous,
Short legs and a long snout,
Wispy and adorable,

They situate themselves at the back door
On legs no more than two inches tall
Standing alert.
They protect their humans,
Growling warningly,
Like stout little motion detectors.

Impractical they are,
Built short and plump,
Speed bumps against the carpet.
Ears like floppy pancakes
To hear the shuffled
Scuffing of feet.