Birth of a Butterfly

A mama butterfly lays all her eggs,
Out pops a caterpillar, crawling on its legs.

The caterpillar first is rather thin,
But then it eats till it bursts through its skin.

After growing nice and big,
The caterpillar climbs on a leaf or twig.

It makes a shell where it hangs inside.
The shell then cracks, and the parts divide.

Inside the shell, a change was going on,
The form of the caterpillar now is gone.

When the shell opens, what comes out?
A beautiful butterfly fluttering about!

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Star Words

bursts
cracks
divide
fluttering
shell

1. The caterpillar climbs on a _______________ or ____________________.

2. What is going on inside the shell? ______________
   _________________________________________

3. The caterpillar needs to ___________ nice and big.

4. What comes out of the shell?_________________
   _________________________________________

Circle the rhyming words below:

legs  big  bell  about  dig
twig  gone  about  jig  change

** Circle the rhyming words in the poem.
** Color the black and white pictures.
** Highlight the “star” words in the writing.