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Flutterpillar

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[All children in base positions on stage as shown in suggested stage layout. FLUTTERPILLAR enters as NARRATOR speaks, goes to Centre Stage.]

NARRATOR 1 Once there was a little caterpillar. She was not a...

FLOWERS *(arms wide)* BIG...

NARRATOR 1 ...caterpillar. She was a...

FLOWERS *(hands close together)* SMALL...

NARRATOR 1 ...caterpillar. She didn't have any...

FLOWERS *(wave)* HANDS,

NARRATOR 1 And she didn't have any...

FLOWERS *(touch hair)* HAIR.

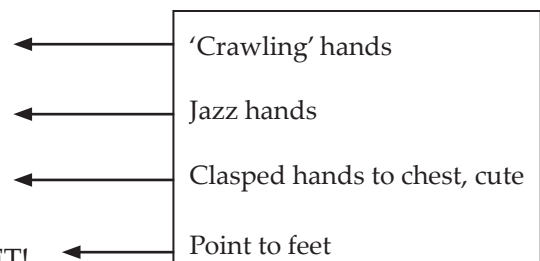
NARRATOR 1 But she did have lots and lots of...

FLOWERS *(waggle alternate feet)* FEET!

LOTS AND LOTS OF FEET

(☉ Track 1 / 7)

LITTLE CATERPILLAR
CRAWLING ALONG,
LITTLE CATERPILLAR
SINGING A SONG.
LITTLE CATERPILLAR
SO SMALL AND SO SWEET:
LITTLE CATERPILLAR
WITH LOTS AND LOTS OF FEET!



1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
CATERPILLAR WITH HER SIXTEEN FEET
TIPTOES TO THE BEAT!

← On '5' hold out one hand, fingers splayed. On '10' bring out second hand to join first.

Tiptoe in time →

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CRAWLING ALONG,
LITTLE CATERPILLAR
SINGING A SONG.
LITTLE CATERPILLAR
SO SMALL AND SO SWEET:
LITTLE CATERPILLAR
WITH LOTS AND LOTS OF FEET!

← 'Crawling' hands
← Jazz hands
← Clasped hands to chest, cute
← Point to feet

1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
CATERPILLAR WITH HER SIXTEEN FEET
MARCHES TO THE BEAT!

March in time →

LITTLE CATERPILLAR
CRAWLING ALONG... (etc.)

As before

NARRATOR 2 The little caterpillar loved eating cakes and chocolates.

FLOWERS No she didn't!

[FLUTTERPILLAR shakes her head, walks to Stage Left.]

NARRATOR 2 What did she eat then?

[Option: some children could take leaves to FLUTTERPILLAR.]

FLOWERS Leaves!

[FLUTTERPILLAR puts thumbs up, walks towards bush.]

NARRATOR 2 Oh yes, that's right. She loved eating juicy, green leaves.
And every day she ate more and more.

[During the song, FLUTTERPILLAR mimes eating leaves from the bush. Option: first verse could be sung solo.]

I LIKE TO EAT

(☉ Track 2 / 8)

I LIKE TO EAT.
I LIKE TO MUNCH.
I LIKE TO CRUNCH AND CHEW AND SWALLOW.
BIG, GREEN LEAVES ARE THE VERY BEST.
GIVE ME HALF A **CABBAGE**
I WILL EAT THE REST!
LOVELY **CABBAGE** LEAVES
JUST FOR ME.
I'LL EAT THEM FOR BREAKFAST (Yum, yum!)
AND DINNER AND TEA.
(spoken) Mmm! Yum, yum!

Rub tummies

← Thumbs up

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I LIKE TO CRUNCH AND CHEW AND SWALLOW.
BIG, GREEN LEAVES ARE THE VERY BEST.
GIVE ME HALF A LETTUCE
I WILL EAT THE REST!
LOVELY LETTUCE LEAVES
JUST FOR ME.
I'LL EAT THEM FOR BREAKFAST (Yum, yum!)
AND DINNER AND TEA.
(spoken) Mmm! Yum, yum!
...Yum!

Rub tummies

Thumbs up

[FLUTTERPILLAR goes to Centre, rubs tummy.]

NARRATOR 1 After all that eating, the little caterpillar was not so little.

FLOWERS She was getting very big!

[BUTTERFLY 1 enters, dances over towards Stage R.]

NARRATOR 2 She was just rubbing her tummy - and feeling very full -
when she noticed a beautiful insect fluttering past.

FLUTTERPILLAR (points at BUTTERFLY 1) I wish I could fly like that!
[BUTTERFLY 1 flutters wings and dances around bush.
FLUTTERPILLAR goes to join BUTTERFLY 1.]
What's your name?

BUTTERFLY 1 (still fluttering) Butterfly.

FLUTTERPILLAR Flutterby?

BUTTERFLY 1 (shaking head) No, not Flutterby. It's butterfly!

[FLUTTERPILLAR returns to C., scratching head. Practises the
word 'flutterby' to herself in a whisper as NARRATOR speaks.]

NARRATOR 1 Little caterpillar found it very hard to say 'butterfly'.
She needed some help!

NARRATOR 2 Along came her friends, Mouse, Deer, Fox and Squirrel.

[Enter MOUSE, DEER, FOX & SQUIRREL, with props.]

DEER We've come to help you say 'butterfly'.

MOUSE Butterfly begins with butter. (holding up buttercup) Like a buttercup.

FLUTTERPILLAR (nods slowly) OK.

FOX Or butternut squash!

[FOX holds up butternut squash.]