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I remember sitting in the neighbors' yard  
in light blue jeans with grass-stained knees  
and a white t-shirt with a butterfly sewn on it  
and sneakers with double-knotted laces  
and, at the end of my long brown braids,  
those rubber bands with the little red plastic balls on them,  
my eyes fixed in wonder on the wooly caterpillar  
crawling across my palm.

I remember childhood.

*Laura Grace Pattillo*