

Nature

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It is so wonderful that we have nature to
explore,
I imagine without nature life would be a bore,
Watching a caterpillar become a cocoon,
Knowing that a butterfly will emerge soon,
Seeing tadpoles that become frogs,
Finding salamanders under rotted logs,
Birds, fish, ants and squirrels by the ton,
Rock crystals that gleam in the high noon sun,
Springtime brings baby geese fluffy and
adorable,
Not to see them would be horrible,
Now don't you see,
Without nature, we just wouldn't be.

Congratulations Stratton,

What an amazing piece of writing and wise appreciation for nature.
More than any submission we've received this past school year, yours
has inspired us to request publishing in a new book about ecosystems.

Sincerely,
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