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A poetic thread of life

The Swan

By Yvonne Carpenter

Graceful beauty
cost her freedom
flight exchanged
for free meal.

and compliments.
From migrant to ornament
and a rotten disposition.
But art needs an affirmer

To attack the keeper
requires a tough bird.

Miracle

By Yvonne Carpenter

Cocoon delivers wet insect.
Moth emerges incubator.
Light licks afterbirth from wings.

Is metamorphosis more awful in
a monarch than in an army cutworm?

The Weaver

By Yvonne Carpenter

The woman weaves by the stream.
She gathers strands of wisdom,
Divides them in her hands,
Combs them with solitude,
And, with strong twists and knots,
Binds them firmly to the earth,
Wisdom, solitude, and soil,
Ancient plaited pattern.