

Remember

Remember the time we caught one hundred caterpillars?
Fuzzy little bodies squirming over our hands
Running through the fields
Expecting to see the miracle of the butterfly
Where was my metamorphosis?
Where was my escape?
Remember the time?
Why can't I remember?
Why does sadness and pain reside while I vainly search for the time?
The tiny bits of joy
Scattered here and there
I thought it was the solution to my endless sorrows
Remember the time we popped the pills, snorted the lines, and danced till 4am?
I remember that time
I remember the one hundred times that followed
I'm nothing like them
Eyes open, minds closed
Maybe it was the answer
For a time...
Remember the time you found me living with filth?
Searched the city and streets for days
For me?
Was I really alive?
You left me with one hundred dollars
Remember the promise I made?
What do you think it bought?
Warm and fuzzy
For a time...
Push it away
I don't want to remember
I brought it back
Full cycle
Pervading thoughts of fear
Remember the time we hid in the bedroom closet?
Remember when we thought it was safe to be children?

-Nicole Caves