

## Our Butterfly Moment

The butterfly flaps its wings.  
A rustle of delicate protein,  
layered in thousands of tiny scales -  
shingles on a dainty roof.  
Orange winged brilliance, that  
glows like embers in a dying fire.

Their blurred flutter of  
filigreed softness, vibrates  
through the air, to become  
a tempest of howling winds  
on the farthest reaches  
of our globe.

These tiny, indefinable things  
that can imprint our world  
with irrevocable change.  
Like that microscopic microbe,  
whose quiver has swelled into  
a blare of ambulance sirens

and the shuffle of padded nurse's feet.  
That catalytic moment of  
the insignificant that's become  
a profoundly changed future.  
A clap that has converted to thunder,  
a whisper transformed into a roar.

*\* The 'Butterfly Effect' is the phenomenon in Chaos Theory whereby a minor change in circumstances can cause a large change in outcome. The butterfly metaphor was created by Edward Norton Lorenz to emphasize the inherent unpredictable results of small changes in the initial conditions of certain physical systems.*

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