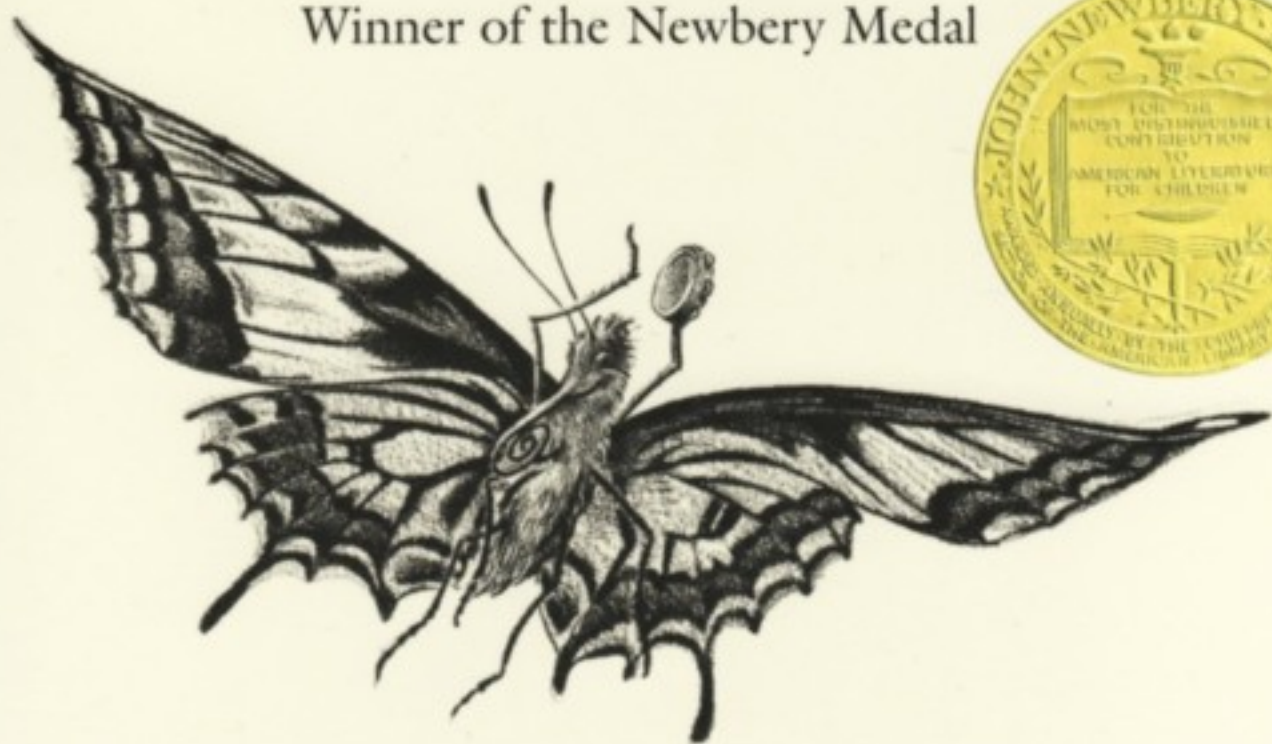


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Grasshoppers

Sap's rising

Grasshoppers are
hatching out

Autumn-laid eggs

Young stepping

Ground's warming

Grasshoppers are
hatching out

splitting

into spring

Grasshoppers

hopping

high

Grassjumpers

jumping

Vaulting from

leaf to leaf

stem to stem

plant to plant

leapers

Grass-

bounders

springers

Grass-

soarers

Leapfrogging

longjumping

grasshoppers.

Grasshoppers

hopping

Grassjumpers

jumping

far

leaf to leaf

stem to stem

Grass-

leapers

bounders

Grass-

springers

soarers

Leapfrogging

longjumping

grasshoppers.



Water Striders

Whenever we're asked
if we walk upon water
we answer

To be sure.

Whenever we're asked
if we walk upon water
we answer
Of course.

It's quite true.



*I was born in a
fine old edition of Schiller*

*While I started life
in a private eye thriller*

*We're book lice
who dwell
in these dusty bookshelves*

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