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Diamante (Diamond)

The diamante is a seven line poem with definite requirements for each line. Read the requirements and study the examples below.

Line 1	One word	A noun that has an opposite.
Line 2	Two words	Two adjectives describing that noun.
Line 3	Three words	Three participles (words ending in –ed or –ing).
Line 4	Four words	Four nouns related to the subject. The second two nouns have the opposite meanings as the first two.
Line 5	Three words	Three participles indicating change or development of the subject.
Line 6	Two words	Two adjectives carrying on the idea of change or development.
Line 7	One word	A noun that is the opposite of the noun in Line 1.

Here are some sample diamantes:

Cocoon
Scrawny, ugly
Stirring, growing, tearing
Blob, stickiness – tail, wings
Opening, spreading, fluttering
Golden, graceful
Butterfly.

Stranger
New, different
Seeing, meeting, talking
Acquaintance, associate – member, pal
Liking, enjoying, seeking
Familiar, trusted
Friend.

Notice how the poems make a diamond-shaped pattern and how they shift in meaning from top to bottom.

In the space provided below or on the backside of this sheet, write two of your own diamantes.