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An Anthology of Youth Poetry

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The edge of earth by *Judy Russell*

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### Metamorphosis by Judy Russell

Followed forever by a shadow,  
the spider's skin stunk of rot and mold.  
Born without humor,  
a mute never to hear heaven's music.  
Death would not embrace her lightly,  
her malleability was immortality.

Her endless webs  
stretched across the world  
weaving words through tongues and brains.  
She gave the moon dimples, to smile  
And the sun, hair to shine.

But don't be mistaken by her looks  
Spite is her lover,  
And metamorphosis flows through her blood.

### The edge of the earth by Judy Russell

The future is a giant,  
wringing the vacant bodies of ambition.  
In a haste to become the past,  
it locks its corrupt secrets with every sunset  
and grows thicker with every sunrise.  
The endless alliteration of a clock  
overflows our days,  
day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute.  
The present remains naïve,  
Truly unsure of itself.