

Cobweb Words

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Hairy spider legs
tiptoe over goosebumps
planting on plump lips
tip tapping teeth as she sleeps
awaiting her moist mouth's answer.

Just a tiny opening
for silky strands
to crisscross between teeth
a home for dewy egg clusters
to hatch, craving warm juices
to fill their little bellies.

Once they've gotten a bite,
her gums will swell and pulsate,
allowing nothing to stop them
from hiding in the deep crevasses,
killing her ability to speak.