



## Spring and Bugs

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When I was a child, the spring was a time of wonder. It was a time of bugs that would fascinate people into writing songs and poems. There are June bugs—some called it the May bug, ladybugs, and then there are the fireflies found in the East and Midwest.

The June bug has 100 species and is in the beetle family. There have been at least six songs written about the June bug. The best known is “Junebug” by the B-52’s.

When I was young, these little bugs would fly into me and then just fly off as if to challenge me to try to catch them. Then there was the one everyone tried to catch—the firefly. The firefly had the ability to create a chemical reaction to glow. This set about a degree of mayhem on the poor insect as children rushed to collect the glow. Bracelets and other jewels were made, or jars were filled to make a lantern.

Finally, there is the one bug that everyone protected—the ladybug. Although the ladybug is not truly a beetle, there are 12 species of the insect. These dear little bugs are treated with kindness and care. They are replicated in garden art, designs for clothes and jewelry.

Spring is a nice time of the year!

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