

ANECHURA

They must be carefully tended, carefully tended.
They must be endlessly treasured,
watchfully minded, fiercely protected.

Carefully, carefully tended.

She goes foraging.

They must be watchfully minded,
concealed and secluded.

They must be cryptically hidden.

*She returns to find her eggs missing,
almost immediately sets about laying
another clutch.*

They must be carefully tended, watchfully minded,
safe and secluded. Cryptically hidden.

They will grow.

Nourished, they will grow.

Nourished they will grow, they will grow.

They must be given what they need.

Let them feed.

*The new clutch begins to hatch and
in tiny increments, disarticulate and
devour their mother.*

Bleed.

HATCHLINGS
(variously)

Feed. Bleed. Need. Greed.

*ANECHURA continues to sing up to and
beyond the moment she is entirely
devoured.*

The hatchlings disperse.

SCOLOPENDRA

They must be fiercely protected,
vigilantly guarded.

Vigilantly guarded

*She ventures out and comes across the earwig's
unprotected nest, robs it of its eggs.*

They must be endlessly treasured.
They must be cryptically hidden.

They must be carefully tended, watchfully minded,
safe and secluded. Cryptically hidden.

*She feeds the earwig eggs to her
children.*

Nourished, they will grow.
Nourished, they will grow.

Nourished, nourished, they will grow,
they will grow.

Nourished, they will grow. Nourished, they will
grow, will grow.

They must be given what they need.

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Feed.

What they need.

They must be endlessly treasured, watchfully
minded.

They must be watchfully minded, endlessly
treasured, fiercely defended.

Carefully, carefully.
Carefully, carefully.
Carefully, carefully, carefully, carefully tended