# Investigate Songs of Innocence and Experience

# *Night*, by William Bla

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#### **Investigating** *Night*

- Do you think this poem is 'escapist' in a negative sense, or offers a positive vision?
  - Can you give some reasons?

### Investigating language and tone

- Try writing a description of a scene using only words of a similar kind, whether harsh or gentle
  - What kind of impression does this produce:
    - Of the scene?
    - Of the speaker?

#### **Investigating structure and** versification

Why do you think Blake created such an obvious change of rhythm within the poem?

## **Investigating imagery and** symbolism

- What qualities would you associate with
  - Someone who was lamb-like?
  - Someone who was like a lion?
    - What is positive and negative about each?

#### Investigating themes

- Compare the representation of Christ here and in *The Lamb*
- Compare the theme of innocence as it is used here and in A Cradle Song