Investigate Songs of Innocence and Experience

Nurse's Song (E), by William Blake

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Investigating Nurse's Song

- Compare this poem with The Clod and the Pebble.
 - What similarities and differences do you find?

Investigating language and tone

Do you need to know all the connotations of 'the green' to appreciate the contrast between this use of the term and its use to describe the nurse's face?
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Investigating structure and versification

- Do you think jauntiness is appropriate to the content of this poem?
- Give some reasons for your decision.

Investigating imagery and symbolism

How does your own image of a child's nurse or nanny compare with Blake's image in this poem?

Investigating themes

Compare the use of the theme of parental care and authority here and in *Nurse's Song* (I).