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Investigating *A Dream*

- ❖ Do you think this poem is escapist or should we only see it as a celebration of a child's capacity for compassion?

Investigating language and tone

- ❖ Look at the alliterative words and replace them with similar non-alliterative terms
 - How does this affect the tone and mood?

Investigating structure and versification

- ❖ Find a nursery rhyme with the same structure and see how it compares with this poem.

Investigating imagery and symbolism

- ❖ How evenly balanced do the forces of light and dark seem to you?
 - What might Blake be trying to say through this?

Investigating themes

- ❖ Compare the use of the themes of parenting, the nature of innocence and separation and loss with:
 - *A Cradle Song*
 - *The Little Boy Found*