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Investigating *Infant Sorrow*

- ❖ Compare the mood and meaning of this poem with *Infant Joy* in *Songs of Innocence*.

Investigating language and tone

- ❖ Think about your response to the baby at the end of the first stanza
 - What are your expectations?
 - What is the effect of their being contradicted by the second stanza?
 - What is your final response to the baby?

Investigating structure and versification

- ❖ Look at the first two lines of stanza two
 - How do you expect the baby to behave in the next line?
 - How does this compare with what you discover in the closing line?

Investigating imagery and symbolism

- ❖ Make a list of other poems in Blake's *Songs of Innocence and Experience* which use the image of snares and confinement, noting the literal and metaphorical meanings intended.