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### Investigating *Laughing Song*

- ❖ If you had to summarise in a sentence the *motive* behind the speaker's invitation to the hearer, what would it be?
- ❖ Compare your summary with others and justify your answer.

### Investigating language and tone

- ❖ Try replacing some of the repeated words with a variety of words of a similar meaning, getting rid of the repetition
  - Would the poem have the same tone?

### Investigating structure and versification

- ❖ How does Blake succeed in making you think this poem is spoken by a child?
  - Write out a prose version of the first stanza.
    - Does this sound equally as childlike?

### Investigating imagery and symbolism

- ❖ Try replacing 'cherries' with another fruit
  - How does this affect the poem?