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### **Investigating language and tone**

- ❖ Write your own paragraph on any topic, limiting yourself to the repetition of just a few similar words
  - What effect does this create?
  - What kind of speaker does it suggest?
    - How easy was it to do?

### **Investigating structure and versification**

- ❖ Take any familiar children's song or nursery rhyme and compare the structure and versification with this poem
  - What similarities do you find?

### **Investigating imagery and symbolism**

- ❖ What ideas and feelings do you associate with the image of the sparrow and the robin?
  - In what ways do your ideas link with their portrayal here?
- ❖ Compare this poem with any other Blake poem which uses flower imagery
  - In what ways are they similar?
  - In what ways are they different?

### **Investigating themes**

- ❖ What new dimension or aspect of innocence is suggested by this poem?