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Investigating *The Schoolboy*

- ❖ How much sympathy does this picture of the schoolboy arouse in you?

Investigating language and tone

- ❖ What elements of the poem convey the experience of a child?
- ❖ Do you find the speaker's language persuasive?

Investigating structure and versification

- ❖ Carefully go through the rhythm of each line of *The Schoolboy* and note how it interacts with the mood / meaning

Investigating imagery and symbolism

- ❖ How effective do you find the comparison of a child to a bird and a plant?

Investigating themes

- ❖ Blake moved this poem from the *Songs of Innocence*
 - For what reasons do its themes make it appropriate as a *Song of Experience*?