

Holy Thursday (Song of Experience) Quotes

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Is this a holy thing to see

In a rich and fruitful land,

Babes reduced to misery

Fed with cold and usurous hand?

Exp:

Here, Blake points out England's failure. Though England is a rich country, so many children suffer here. Because people are selfish. They do not truly care for the poor orphaned children.

And so many children poor?

It is a land of poverty!

Exp:

The speaker thinks England must be a poor country. Otherwise, so many children would not be poor and hungry.

And their sun does never shine.

And their fields are bleak & bare.

And their ways are fill'd with thorns

It is eternal winter there.

Exp:

This stanza is a powerful metaphor. Here, Blake compares the children's misery to a barren land. Nothing grows in this barren land. The sun does not shine there, and rain never falls. It is like an endless winter there, full of sadness and suffering.