

Holy Thursday (Song of Innocence) Quotes

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**'Twas on a Holy Thursday, their innocent faces clean,
The children walking two & two, in red & blue & green**

Exp:

The children are clean and ready with bright dresses for the church service on this special day.

**Grey headed beadies walkd before with wands as white as snow,
Till into the high dome of Paul's they like Thames' waters flow.**

Exp:

The children are entering the church as if they are flowing like the River Thames. It means they are full of life like the river.

O what a multitude they seemd, these flowers of London town!

Exp: The speaker imagines the orphaned children are the flowers of London. It means they are beautiful, innocent, and valuable. They are something everyone should take great care of, like flowers.

Then cherish pity, lest you drive an angel from your door.

Exp:

The fine line of the poem contains the message: we must be sympathetic and take great care of the poor, orphaned children.

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