

Introduction (Songs of Experience) Quotes

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Hear the voice of the Bard!

Who Present, Past, and future sees

Whose ears have heard,

The Holy Word,

That walk'd among the ancient trees.

Exp:

The speaker urges his audience to listen to “the voice of the Bard!” who can see past, present, and future. In contrast to the “Introduction” for *Songs of Innocence*, this poem introduces a more mature and polished poetic voice in the bard.

O Earth O Earth return!

Arise from out the dewy grass;

Night is worn,

And the morn

Rises from the slumberous mass.

Exp:

This stanza is directed to Earth herself, calling its troubled souls to return to bliss, hear better, and heed the Bard/Prophet's words.