

Introduction (Songs of Innocence) key Facts

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Title: Introduction

Poet: William Blake (1757-1827)

Publication: The poem was published in Blake's *Songs of Innocence* in 1789.

Form: Five rhymed **quatrains (four-line stanzas)**

Rhyme Scheme: Stanzas 1 and 4 use an ABAB pattern; the rest of the stanzas use an ABCB pattern.

Symbols:

- **The Child** - Innocence, Joy, Trust in Life
- **The Lamb** - Jesus (gentleness, sacrifice, hope).

Important Note:

This poem is actually the Introduction to Blake's collection *Songs of Innocence* (1789)

. This book includes Blake's other poems like *The Lamb*, *The Chimney Sweeper*, *Nurse's Song*, and *Holy Thursday*.

The book is full of poems about a pure and gentle way of seeing the world. Blake called it "innocence." Later, in *Songs of Experience* (1794), he wrote about the opposite idea, which he called "experience."