

Introduction to the Songs of Experience Main Text

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Hear the voice of the Bard! Who Present, Past, & Future sees Whose ears have heard, The Holy Word, That walk'd among the ancient trees.

Calling the lapsed Soul And weeping in the evening dew: That might controll, The starry pole; And fallen fallen light renew!

O Earth O Earth return! Arise from out the dewy grass; Night is worn, And the morn Rises from the slumberous mass.

Turn away no more: Why wilt thou turn away The starry floor The watry shore Is giv'n thee till the break of day.