THE TYGER

By William Blake

Tyger! Tyger! burning bright
In the forests of the night,
What immortal hand or eye
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

Tigers Fur

Does not rhyme today, but it did

Refers to tiger's striped fur

Definition is "excellence of proportion"

In what distant deeps or skies
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?
On what wings dare he aspire?
What the hand dare seize the fire?

Many references in life to a tiger's eyes. They are fearless and bold. En: Eye of the Tiger

And what shoulder, and what art,
Could twist the sinews of thy heart?
And when thy heart began to beat,
What dread hand, and what dread feet?

Their tiger is a work of art

Source of strength, power, and vigor

What the hammer? what the chain?
In what furnace was thy brain?
What the anvil? what dread grasp
Dare its deadly terrors clasp?

Figurative language is used here to describe the tools used to create the tiger.

When the stars threw down their spears,
And watered heaven with their tears,
Did he smile his work to see?
Did he who made the Lamb make thee?

Personification

Did God create the tiger as he created the Lamb? If so, how is this possible? A tiger and a lamb are total opposites.

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Creator is not mortal

Rhyme scheme broken
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• Tiger Imagery
• Imagery of the Creator
• Romantic Words
• Nature Imagery (Romanticism)
• Imagery of Figurative Tools

Super key! Do you need it if I keep this?