

Rhyme: AABB  
Rhythm: Even

# THE TYGER

By William Blake

Spelling?

Tigers fur

Creator is immortal  
God, other?

The sight of  
tiger is  
fearful

Reference to  
wings unclear.

References to hand  
and feet?

A tiger is ferocious

Creation  
of Earth?

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

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

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

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

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

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?

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Does not rhyme - today but it did

Refers to tigers striped fur  
Definition is "excellence of proportion"

Many references in life to a  
tigers eyes. They are fearless  
and bold. Ex.) "Eye of the Tiger"

The tiger is a work of art

Source of strength, power,  
and vigor

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

Personification

Creator is not mortal

Rhyme scheme broken

Definition is "excellence of proportion"

• Tiger Imagery

• Nature Imagery  
(Romanticism)

• Imagery of the Creator

• Imagery of Figurative Tools

• Romantic  
Words

super key!  
do you mind if I  
keep this?