

Media Literacy: Illuminated Texts

CLOSE VIEWING

Blake intended his poems to engage both the intellect and the imagination of his readers. Each image is infused with the meaning of his poetry.

Directions: Examine the words and the visual for “The Chimney Sweeper.” In the second column of the following chart, describe how Blake’s use of art elements – color, line, shape, or texture – adds to the meaning of the lines listed in the first column.

"The Chimney Sweeper"	Use of Art Elements
<i>"A little black thing among the snow . . ." (line 1)</i>	
<i>"Because I was happy on the heath . . ." (line 5)</i>	
<i>"And because I am happy, & dance & sing, / They think they have done me no injury . . ." (lines 9–10)</i>	