

Reading Skill

COMPARE AND CONTRAST POEMS

Blake wrote *Songs of Innocence* and *Songs of Experience* to contrast two opposing states of the human soul. You can **compare and contrast** poems from the two works by looking at Blake’s **word choice**, **ideas**, and **tone** (attitude toward the subject matter).

**Directions:** As you read the poems, use this chart to record similarities and differences for each pair of poems. An example has been done for you.

	Songs of Innocence "The Lamb"	Songs of Experience "The Tyger"
Word Choice	little wooly bright tender voice	burning bright fire of thine eyes
Ideas		
Tone		

	Songs of Innocence "The Chimney Sweeper"	Songs of Experience "The Chimney Sweeper"
Word Choice		
Ideas		
Tone		

SELECTED POETRY BY WILLIAM  
BLAKE