

THE LAMB

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1. Consider "The Lamb" as a romantic poem.

Answer . "The Lamb" is a romantic poem. It points out Blake's religious and idealistic view of the world. It glorifies childhood which is a outstanding romantic quality. Here the child is identified with God and shown as familiar with the mystery of creation. The pastoral setting of the poem lends a romantic charm to it. Lastly the triumph of lyricism which is the hall mark of romantic poetry, is also present here in its spontaneity, simplicity, sincerity and musicality.

2. Is the poem "The Lamb" about the child or the lamb?

Ans. In "The Lamb" Blake has recaptured the child mind. The poet through the vision of the child sees kindred innocence in the child, the Lamb and Christ. It is a typical childhood poem.

3. What is the central theme of Blake's poem The Lamb?

Ans. William's Blakes The Lamb is a romantic poem that reveals Blake's mystical, religious and idealistic view of the world. The poem describes a lamb with a child's affection to it. He asks the lamb about his creator and answers himself that God Himself is the creator of it. The poem highlights the Christian idealism of creation in this earth.

4. What does the Lamb symbolize?

Ans. The Lamb in Blake's "The Lamb" is a symbol of innocence and meekness, of Christ and of child. The Lamb is a Biblical figure. It also symbolizes the gentle, tender, innocent pleasant aspect of human soul.

5. What are the questions made by the child to the Lamb in Blake's poem "The Lamb"?

Ans. In Blake's poem "The Lamb" the child asks the Lamb if he knows who created him and who ordered him to graze by the riverside and the meadows.