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# THE TIGER

By WILLIAM BLAKE

(Reprint)

Tiger, tiger, burning bright  
 In the forests of the night,  
 What immortal hand or eye  
 Could frame thy fearful sym-  
 metry?

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?

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?

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?

Tiger, tiger, burning bright  
 In the forests of the night,  
 What immortal hand or eye  
 Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?