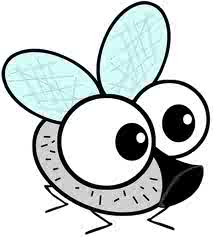
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**The Fly**

By William Blake

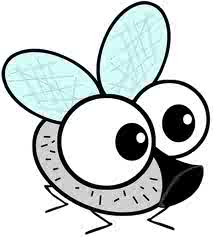
Little fly,

Thy summer’s play

* Born in London on November 28, 1794
* Hometown: London
* He died in the year 1827
* He published his most popular collection, Songs of Innocence, in 1789 and followed it in 1794, Songs of Experience
* In 1816 he was mentioned A Biographical Dictionary of the Living Authors of Great Britain and Ireland, published in 1816
* The Song of Innocence and Experience was read by Samuel Taylor Coleridge and considered William Blake a “man of Genius”.

My thoughtless hand

Has brushed away.

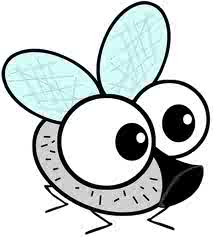
Am not I

A fly like thee?

Or art not thou

A man like me?

For I dance

And drink and sing,

Till some blind hand

Shall brush my wing.

If thought is life

And strength and breath,

And the want

Of thought is death,

Then am I

A happy fly,

If I live,

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Or if I die.

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