

→ In these 24 lines of William Blake's poem, the chimney sweeper a little boy is telling the story of his despairing life as well as the sad tales of other chimney sweeper boys. The little boy narrates that he was very young when his mother died. He was then sold by his father to a Master sweeper when his age was so tender that he could not even pronounce the word 'sweep' and cryingly pronounced it 'weep' and wept all the time. The pun intended through the use of the word weep three times in the third line of 1st stanza holds pathetic significance. Most chimney sweepers like him were so young that they also pronounced it as same.