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O Rose thou art sick.
The invisible worm,
That flies in the night
In the howling storm:

Has found out thy bed
Of crimson joy:
And his dark secret love
Does thy life destroy.

General Meaning:

The speaker, addressing a rose, informs it that it is sick. An “invisible” worm has stolen into its bed in a “howling storm” and under the cover of night. The “dark secret love” of this worm is destroying the rose’s life.

Detailed meaning:

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In the title of the poem, the poet uses personification when he personifies the rose as sick. He gives it a human feature to say that The rose is used as a symbol here. It symbolizes and

Also, the worm is chosen here carefully to reveal that the rose is suffering because of that harmful worm.

Generally, the rose represents the society in which the poet lives during the times of the industrial revolution when the society becomes corrupted. The worms embodies all the negative habits in that society.

“The Sick Rose”, is a short poem written by William Blake, focusing on the metaphorical language and the symbolism used in it. Though this poem is difficult, I like its deeper meaning and the symbolism. I think that Blake succeeds in giving us a very brilliant work in a few lines.

This rose is already in a state of decay and the sickness of the rose, which is a feature of human beings, symbolizes its death. A rose represents purity, innocence and beauty. This rose has been destroyed by an “invisible worm” which is addressed as masculine by using the pronoun ‘his’ in the seventh line instead of ‘its’.