**Writing an Essay about Poetry:** Warm-up

1. Read *By Night When Others Soundly Slept*.

*http://www.poetry-archive.com/b_pic.gif*Y night when others soundly slept

And hath at once both ease and Rest,

My waking eyes were open kept

And so to lie I found it best.

I sought him whom my Soul did Love,

With tears I sought him earnestly.

He bow'd his ear down from Above.

In vain I did not seek or cry.

My hungry Soul he fill'd with Good;

He in his Bottle put my tears,

My smarting wounds washt in his blood,

And banisht thence my Doubts and fears.

What to my Saviour shall I give

Who freely hath done this for me?

I'll serve him here whilst I shall live

And Love him to Eternity.

1. Then, choose a THESIS that would be the best to use when beginning an essay which asked how a THEME is developed in this piece:
   1. In *By Night When Others Soundly Slept* by Anne Bradstreet, the theme of “God” is depicted through the use of personification.
   2. The theme that “trusting in God provides comfort” is shown in *By Night When Others Soundly Slept* by Anne Bradstreet through the author’s use of rhyme scheme.
   3. In *By Night When Others Soundly Slept*, Anne Bradstreet shows her trust in God through her use of extended metaphor.
2. Next, write the first TEXT BODY paragraph of an essay proving **that** thesis.

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