**Our Thesis:** 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.

 (**TOPIC:)** The melodic ABAB rhyme scheme used in the poem highlights the author’s belief that God provides her with comfort. (**Evidence w/ ANCHOR:)** This is best demonstrated through the lines “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 (Stanza 3). (**Explanation:)** By continuing the rhyming pattern of ABAB by rhyming “tears” and “fears” and by using a slant rhyme when rhyming “good” with “blood”, Bradstreet is comforting her reader through the melodic rhythm of the stanza. This comfort helps the reader to understand the comfort she feels by trusting in God. (**Tie-to-thesis:)** The rhyme scheme of the poem helps to emphasize the theme that Bradstreet’s trust in God provides her with comfort.