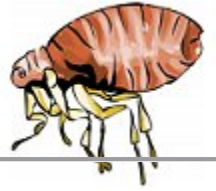


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THE FLEA
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1. Why is the Flea a popular topic of poets?
 2. What is the Flea a metaphor for?
 3. When the speaker says “And this, alas! Is more than we would do,” What is he saying about his relationship to his audience (the female)?
 4. Explain “purpled thy nail in blood of innocence.”
 5. What is the speaker saying of what the flea has done compared to what he wants to do?