

Sonnet

Sonnet: a poem that has 14 lines which are broken down into four sections called quatrains. A sonnet expresses a complete thought or idea.

- It is written in iambic pentameter, meaning each line has 10 beats or syllables.

- It follows a strict rhyme scheme

ABAB/CD CD/EF EF/GG

Poem Example:

Cinderella

By: King Poetry

As Cinderella swept the kitchen floor
she dreamed about the Prince's ball that night
a perfect chance to meet a paramour
forbidden by Step-Mother out of spite.

The sisters sashayed off - an ugly sight
And cinders felt her lonely teardrops fall
Then suddenly there came a flash of light
A fairy said: "You're going to the ball!"

"Be home by twelve, remember!" came the call
but dancing with a Prince can hypnotize
this man so rugged, handsome, dark, and tall
he held her close and stared into her eyes.

She had to flee on hearing midnight's bell,
He found her with a shoe - it turned out well.

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By: William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;

But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou growest:

So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this and this gives life to thee.

Meaning:

The speaker of the poem is comparing his love to a summer day. He lists reasons why his beloved is better than a summer day.