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Shakespeare Sonnet

A sonnet is a poem of 14 lines and each line has 10 syllables. Here is a famous sonnet about love by William Shakespeare.

Copy this sonnet in your best handwriting. The language is old-fashioned so copy the words very carefully.



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 dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimmed.
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall Death brag thou wand'rest in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st.
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

Find out the meanings of the following words:

thee _____
thou _____
art _____
hath _____
thy _____
temperate _____
complexion _____
eternal _____