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English Sonnet

(also known as the Shakespearean Sonnet)

Taken from the original Italian word: Sonetto meaning little sound or little song.

English Sonnets are 14 lines.

English Sonnets follow Iambic Pentameter

The rhyme scheme in a traditional English Sonnet is: ABAB CDCDEFEFGG



Sonnet 18

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 **dim**'d;
And every fair from fair sometime **declines**,
By chance, or nature's changing course, **untrim**'d;

But thy eternal summer shall not **fade**
Nor lose possession of that fair thou **ow**'st;
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st 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**.

Sonnet 130

My mistress' eyes are nothing like the **sun**;
Coral is far more red than her lips' **red**;
If snow be white, why then her breasts are **dun**;
If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her **head**.

I have seen roses damask'd, red and **white**,
But no such roses see I in her **cheeks**;
And in some perfumes is there more **delight**
Than in the breath that from my mistress **reeks**.

I love to hear her speak, yet well I **know**
That music hath a far more pleasing **sound**;
I grant I never saw a goddess **go**;
My mistress, when she walks, treads on the **ground**:

And yet, by heaven, I think my love as **rare**
As any she belied with false **compare**.

