

Worksheet 2 | Shakespeare's Sonnets

Shakespeare's sonnets are made up of three *quatrains* and a *couplet*. That means that in each section line 1 rhymes with line 3 and line 2 rhymes with line 4. The last two lines of the poem are a *couplet* which means that they rhyme with each other. Keeping this in mind, can you guess the missing rhyme words in this poem?

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of _____,
(hint: rhymes with "day")
And summer's lease hath all too short a _____
(hint: rhymes with "temperate")



Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed,
And every fair from fair sometime _____,
By chance or nature's changing course _____;



By thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his _____
When in eternal lines to time thou _____.

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