

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day 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 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 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.

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day is one of the best known of 154 sonnets that the great William Shakespeare had written. The poem is also known as **Sonnet 18**.

"In the sonnet, the speaker asks whether or not he should compare his beloved to the summer season, and argues that he should not because the comparison does not properly express the depths of his emotion. He also states that his beloved will live on forever through the words of the poem. Scholars have found parallels within the poem to Ovid's Tristia and Amores, both of which have love themes. Sonnet 18 is written in the typical Shakespearean sonnet form, having 14 lines of iambic pentameter ending in a rhymed couplet. Detailed exegeses have revealed several double meanings within the poem, giving it a greater depth of interpretation"

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonnet_18

What is a Sonnet?

A Sonnet is a form of poetry writing that originates from Italy. A Sonnet is a fourteen line poem written in iambic pentameter.

Dramas and poems

Shakespeare wrote various other poems including *A lover's complaint*, *Venus and Adonis*, Other than poetry, Shakespeare had also written dramas too, such as the great Hamlet, the heart melting Romeo and Juliet and Macbeth too!.