

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE SONNET XVIII

Jigsaw reading and brief analysis based on David Gilmour's interpretation.

link to You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1Zr3E6CpIY>

Exercise 1: read the lines of the sonnet and then listen to David Gilmour's interpretation of the poem and put the lines in the correct order.

_____ Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
_____ By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
_____ And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
_____ And every fair from fair sometime declines,
_____ Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
_____ Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
_____ But thy eternal summer shall not fade
_____ So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
_____ Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
_____ When in eternal lines to time thou growest:
_____ Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
_____ Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;
_____ So long lives this and this gives life to thee.
_____ And summer's lease hath all too short a date:

Exercise 2: match the words and phrases from the poem with their meanings.

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| 1. thee | a. moderate |
| 2. temperate | b. own, posses |
| 3. hath | c. you |
| 4. the eye of heaven | d. your |
| 5. thou | e. has |
| 6. ow'st | f. the sun |

Exercise 3: use Shakespeare's Sonnet XVIII and complete the table about formal characteristics of the English Sonnet.

	Lines	Rhymes	Theme
First quatrain	lines from _____ to _____		
Second quatrain	lines from _____ to _____		
Third quatrain	lines from _____ to _____		
Final couplet	lines from _____ to _____		

Exercise 4: in your own words formulate the theme of the sonnet.