Sonnet 18 by William Shakespeare

# Sonnet 18 - [William Shakespeare](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/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.