

TSWIFT Poetry Analysis

	Text Evidence	Commentary
<u>T</u> itle	Sonnet 116	I guess Shakespeare made 115 sonnets before this one.
<u>S</u> tructure	The poem consists of 1 long stanza without a rhyme scheme, consisting of long sentences.	The fact that the poem is one long stanza made of multiple long sentences parallels the speaker's claim that true love is consistent and persisting. The lack of rhyming creates a more mature and sincere tone, adding assertiveness to the speaker's claims.
<u>W</u> ord Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "tempests" • "compass" • "doom" • "wand'ring bark" • "impediments" 	The speaker employs diction related to ship travel and dangerous obstacles. These words represent the roadblocks that often come up in romantic relationships, which further illustrate the persistence of true love in the face of these obstacles.
<u>I</u> magery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Which alters when it alteration finds, / Or bends with the remover to remove" 	The speaker paints a picture of flimsiness and malleability while describing a false view of love. This depiction illustrates the strength of true love by contrasting it with the weakness of false love.

<u>F</u> igurative Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “It is the star to every wand’ring bark” 	The speaker plays into the poem’s ship travel elements by comparing love to a star through a metaphor. This metaphor further depicts love as consistent and reliable, as stars are used for sea navigation due to their consistent positions in constellations.
<u>T</u> heme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks, / But bears it out even to the edge of doom” 	The poem’s message centers on the consistency of love, asserting that true love must be persistent and reliable in order to successfully guide relationships.