

**English Literature Test****Shakespeare the Poet-Read and analyse these poems****XII - WHEN I DO COUNT THE CLOCK THAT TELLS THE TIME**

translation help

When I do count the clock that tells the time,  
 And see the brave day sink i'n hideous night;  
 When I behold the violet past prime,  
 And sable curls, all silvered o'er with white;  
 When lofty trees I see barren of leaves,  
 Which erst from heat did canopy the herd,  
 And summer's green all girded up in sheaves,  
 Borne on the bier with white and bristly beard,  
 Then of thy beauty do I question make,  
 That thou among the wastes of time must go,  
 Since sweets and beauties do themselves forsake  
 And die as fast as they see others grow;  
 And nothing 'gainst Time's scythe can make defence  
 Save breed, to brave him when he takes thee hence.

sable curls= riccioli neri  
 lofty trees= alberi sublimi  
 transl. che proteggevano il gregge dalla calura  
 transl. il verde dell'estate stretto in covoni  
 transl. portato sul carro....

forsake= qui si smarriscono

hence= da qua

erst formerly.

breed prole

**PART ONE- ANALYSIS OF SONNET XII**

1. Write down the sonnet's rhyme scheme \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many stanzas is the sonnet divided into? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Summarize the main subjects in these stanzas:

1st quatrain \_\_\_\_\_

2nd quatrain \_\_\_\_\_

3rd quatrain \_\_\_\_\_

final couplet \_\_\_\_\_

In lines 1-8 a number of changes in nature happen because of the passing of time. Complete the table:

NATURAL ELEMENTS	EFFECTS OF TIME
Brave day	Sank in hideous night