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Sonnet #18 – William Shakespeare

line # rhyme

___	___	Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?	}	→	[1st Quatrain: Introduces the conflict]
___	___	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,	}	→	[2nd Quatrain: Complicates the conflict]
___	___	And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;			
___	___	And every fair from fair sometimes declines,			
___	___	By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;			
___	___	But thy eternal summer shall not fade	}	→	[3rd Quatrain: Further complications, a turnaround.]
___	___	Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;			
___	___	Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,			
___	___	When in eternal lines to time thou growest:			
___	___	So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,	}	→	[Rhyming Couplet: Resolves and summarizes.]
___	___	So long lives this and gives life to thee.			