

Elizabethan poets and artists idealized beauty in their works. In the sonnet below, Shakespeare takes a different approach.

SONNET 130 by William Shakespeare

1 My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun;
2 Coral is far more red than her lips' red;
3 If snow be white, why then her breasts are dun;
4 If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head.
5 I have seen roses damask'd, red and white,
6 But no such roses see I in her cheeks;
7 And in some perfumes is there more delight
8 Than in the breath that from my mistress reeks.
9 I love to hear her speak, yet well I know
10 That music hath a far more pleasing sound;
11 I grant I never saw a goddess go;
12 My mistress, when she walks, treads on the ground:
13 And yet, by heaven, I think my love as rare
14 As any she belied with false compare.

1. Which of the following best describes the [form](#) of this poem?
 - a. Italian sonnet
 - b. Shakespearean sonnet
 - c. Spenserian sonnet
 - d. envelope sonnet

2. What is the tone of lines 1-12?
 - a. despairing
 - b. fervent
 - c. flattering
 - d. satirical

3. Which of the following provides the best clue to the meaning of the word "[damask'd](#)" in line 5?
 - a. coral and lips
 - b. snow and dun
 - c. roses and cheeks
 - d. breath and reeks

4. Which line includes a shift in tone?
 - a. Line 6
 - b. Line 9
 - c. Line 11
 - d. Line 13

5. What is the tone of the final [couplet](#)?
 - a. contemptuous and wrathful
 - b. defiant and protective
 - c. meditative and tragic
 - d. mournful and hopeless

6. Which of the following best expresses this sonnet's theme?
 - a. Society's beauty standards can be unreasonable and unachievable.
 - b. True love can withstand any test of time.
 - c. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
 - d. Physical appearance is often important when forming a romantic relationship.

7. Which of the following lines contains [alliteration](#)?
 - a. My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun
 - b. But no such roses see I in her cheeks
 - c. I grant I never saw a goddess go
 - d. All of the above

8. Which of the following is NOT true about this sonnet?
 - a. It contains [blank verse](#)
 - b. It contains a definitive rhyme scheme
 - c. It contains 14 lines
 - d. It contains [iambic pentameter](#)