

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,
A summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometimes 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

you are more beautiful than a summer's day
and your beauty will last forever since it is
being preserved in my verse.

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day - Why a
summer's day. Why not a rose - too thorny. To dawn -
too brief. To a spring day - too uncertain. A summer's
day has everything warmth, wind and a little clouds.
The first line rhymes with the 3rd and the
second rhymes with the fourth giving the
pattern ABAB. The next 4 lines follow the
same pattern but the rhymes are different from
those in the first 4 lines. So the pattern is CDCD.
The 3rd set of 4 lines also rhyme in the same pattern giving
FEF. The last 2 lines rhyme as a couplet: 99.