

Warm Up

“The most important thing in life is to be happy” --Mrs. Kissen

- Copy the quote
 - Do you agree with this statement?
 - Why or why not?
 - What do you think is the most important thing in life?
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William Shakespeare

Sonnet 130 and Questions

The Sonnet...

My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun;
Coral is far more red than her lips' red;
If snow be white, why then her breasts are dun;
If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head.
I have seen roses damask'd, red and white,
But no such roses see I in her cheeks;
And in some perfumes is there more delight
Than in the breath that from my mistress reeks.

Cont...

I love to hear her speak, yet well I know

That music hath a far more pleasing sound;

I grant I never saw a goddess go;

My mistress, when she walks, treads on the ground.

And yet, by heaven, I think my love as rare

As any she belied with false compare.

Questions

1. Underline any word you do not know and write down the definitions
 2. Translate each line into your own language or wording.
 3. What is Shakespeare trying to say in this sonnet?
 4. Would you want your boyfriend or girlfriend to write a similar sonnet about you? Why or why not?
 5. How is this poem different from other “love” poems?
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