

## Love Poetry

**Aims:** To understand the poem, through close reading

To extend ideas on the theme of love

To work effectively in pairs

1. First place the lines in order; use past ideas about arranging lines, to help.
2. In pairs, discuss your first impressions of what the poem is about.
3. After coming to an agreement, write 2 or 3 sentences to explain what you think the poem is about. This only needs to be a vague impression rather than a detailed account of the whole poem.
4. Next, discuss what images (pictures) spring to mind when reading the poem.
5. Give detailed descriptions of these pictures, including colours, objects and actions.
6. Now, discuss how this poem fits into your ideas about love poetry. You could compare it with other love poems you have read.
7. Write a paragraph explaining your views.
8. This poem is called a **sonnet**. In your pairs discuss what sort of poem a **sonnet** might be: think about the images, rhymes; rhythm and length of the poem and write down a few suggestions to explain what constitutes (makes up) a **sonnet**.