**Sonnet #18** – William Shakespeare

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,

And Summer's lease hath all too short a date:

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,

And oft' is his gold complexion dimm'd;

And every fair from fair sometime declines,

By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd:

But thy eternal Summer shall not fade

Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;

Nor shall Death brag thou wanderest in his shade,

When in eternal lines to time thou growest:

So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,

So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

## SONNET #43, FROM THE PORTUGUESE - Elizabeth Barrett Browning

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.   
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height   
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight   
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.   
I love thee to the level of everyday's   
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.   
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;   
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.   
I love thee with the passion put to use   
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.   
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose   
With my lost saints!---I love thee with the breath,   
Smiles, tears, of all my life!---and, if God choose,   
I shall but love thee better after death.