

# Sonnet 130

by William Shakespeare

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.  
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. What is the rhyme scheme in this sonnet?
2. Give an example of one metaphor or simile in the poem and label it as metaphor or simile.
3. Shakespeare uses several examples from nature. What is one?
4. Does Shakespeare admire his lady? Cite a quotation from the text to prove your answer.