

for Petra, 22 April 2010

# SONNET XVIII

Shakespeare

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*Andante flessibile*  
*mf*

S Shall I com - pare thee to a sum - mer's day?

A Shall I com - pare thee to a sum - mer's day?

T Shall I com - pare thee to a sum - mer's day?

B Shall I com - pare thee to a sum - mer's day?

2 *dim.*

Thou art more love - - - ly and more tem - pe - rate;

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Thou art more love - ly and more tem - pe - rate;

3 *f*

Rough winds do shake the dar - ling buds of May,

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4

*dim.*  
And sum - mer's lease hath all too short a date;

*dim.*  
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*dim.*  
And sum - mer's lease hath all too short a date;

*dim.*  
And sum - mer's lease hath all too short a date;

5

*f*  
Some - time too hot the eye of hea - ven

*f*  
Some - time too hot the eye of hea - ven

*f*  
Some - time too hot the eye of hea - ven

*f*  
Some - time too hot the eye of hea - ven

6

*dim.*  
shines, And of - ten is his gold com - ple - xion

*dim.*  
shines, And of - ten is his gold com - ple - xion

*dim.*  
shines, And of - ten is his gold com - ple - xion

*dim.*  
shines, And of - - - - ten is his gold com - ple - xion

7

dimm'd; And ev - ery fair from fair

dimm'd; And ev - ery fair from fair

dimm'd; And ev - ery fair from fair

dimm'd; And ev - ery fair from fair

8

some - time de - clines, By chance

some - time de - clines, By chance

some - time de - clines, By chance

some - time de - clines, By chance or

9

or na - ture's chan - ging course un - trimm'd;

or na - ture's chan - ging course un - trimm'd;

or na - ture's chan - ging course un - trimm'd;

na - - - - ture's chan - ging course un - trimm'd;

13 *dim.* *un poco più mosso*

When in e - ter - - - - nal lines to time thou grow'st:  
When in e - ter - - - - nal lines to time thou grow'st:  
When in e - ter - - - - nal lines to time thou grow'st:  
When in e - ter - - - - nal lines to time thou grow'st:

15 *mp legato*

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

20 *p rit.*

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