**English 3201 – Poem 7**

**Student:**

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**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.

In your own words:

1. Quatrain #1 (poses a problem):
2. Quatrain #2 (adds details to problem):
3. Quatrain #3 (adds details problem):
4. Rhyming Couplet (proposes a solution):
5. Why did Shakespeare use so many metaphors in his sonnet?
6. What is ironic about this poem?