

Read the following poem carefully. Then write a well-organized essay in which you discuss how the language of the entire sonnet, as well as the choice of the sonnet form, reveals the speaker's attitude towards his mistress.

**My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun  
(Sonnet 130)**

by William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

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 damasked, 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.