

William Shakespeare
To me, fair Friend
Some introductory questions!

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THE FORM OF THE SONNET

1. What type of sonnet is "To me, fair Friend"? How do you know? (4)
2. What is the theme of the 1st Quatrain? (4)
3. What is the theme of the 2nd Quatrain? (4)
4. What is the theme of the 3rd Quatrain? (4)
5. How does the poet finalise his argument in the Rhyming Couplet? (2)

CONTEXTUAL

6. "To me, fair Friend, you never can be old,
For as you were when first your eye I eyed
Such seems your beauty still."
 - Who is this fair Friend" (4)
 - Why would "Friend" have needed the upper-case "F"? (2)
 - In what way can this friend "never . . . be old"? (4)
 - Comment on the play on words in "For as you were when first your eye I eyed". (4)
 - What then does the poet mean when he says, "Such seems your beauty still"? (4)

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