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Paper – 'A'
Poem – 1st

Let Me Not to the Marriage of True Minds

By
William Shakespeare
(1564-1616)

About the Poet

- Received only primary education at the free Grammar School at Stratford.
- Shakespeare wrote 37 plays with comedies, tragedies, historical plays and romances and a sonnet sequence consisting of 154 sonnets.



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About the Poem

Stanza 1st

- There are no obstacles in the union of true lovers.
- True love does not change when it finds a chance to change.
- True love does not bow down before anybody else.



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Stanza IInd

True love is constant like a light-house which faces storms on the sea similarly true love is also not shaken before the storms of life.

The pole star guides wandering ships similarly true love also guides lovers in the sea of life.

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Stanza IIIrd

- True love is permanent and does not change with the passage of time.
- Time, like a farmer cuts down the physical beauty of a person but time has no effect on true love.
- The poet justifies his opinion regarding true love and says that if anyone can prove him wrong, he will admit that he is not a poet and will not write poetry afterwards

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- **Style of the poem**

- This poem is a sonnet consisting of fourteen lines.
- Rhyme scheme is like abab, cdcd, efef, gg. Every alternate line rhymes with each other.

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