

# Sonnet 18

Text by William Shakespeare

Music by Heather Gilligan

*mp*  $\text{♩} = 152$ , Gently *p*

Soprano  
Shall I com - pare thee to a sum - mer's day? Thou art more

Alto  
Shall I com - pare thee to a sum - mer's day? Thou art more

9 *mp* *mf*

S.  
love - ly and more tem - po - rate. Rough winds do shake the

A.  
love - ly and more tem - po - rate. Rough winds do shake the

16 *mf* push forward

S.  
dar - ling buds of May. And sum - mer's lease hath all too short a

A.  
dar - ling buds of May. And sum - mer's lease hath all too short a

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S. *p* *mf*  
 date. Some - times too hot the eye of Hea - ven shine, and

A. *p* *mf*  
 date. Some - times too hot eye of Hea - ven shine, and

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S. *Broadly* *f* *mp* *a tempo*  
 of - ten is his gold com - plex - ion dimmed. And ev - ery fair from

A. *Broadly* *f* *mp* *a tempo*  
 of - ten is his gold com - plex - ion dimmed. And ev - ery fair from

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S. *rit.*  
 fair some - times de - clines, by chance, or na - ture's chan - ging course, un - trimmed.

A. *rit.*  
 fair some times de - clines, by chance, or na - ture's course, un - trimmed.

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S. *a tempo* *f*  
 But thy e - ter - nal sum - mer shall not fade, nor lose pos sess ion of that

A. *a tempo* *f*  
 Sum - mer shall not fade, lose that

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S. *p*  
fair thou ow - est. Nor will death brag thou wand - rest in his shade, when

A. *p*  
fair thou ow - est. death brag wand - rest shade, when

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S. *mf* *mp* Gently  
in e - ter - nal lines to time thou grow - est. So long as men can

A. *mf* *mp* Gently  
in e - ter - nal time thou grow - est. Long as men can

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S. breathe or eyes can see, so long lives this,

A. breathe eyes see, so long lives this,

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S. and this gives life to thee.

A. and this gives life to thee.