

Love In Lines

Directions: Read both passages carefully. One is a traditional sonnet, and the other is a modern-style song lyric. Think about tone, imagery, word choice, and structure. Answer the questions to compare how each conveys the idea of love differently.



Passage A - *Sonnet*

*When dawn awakes, I see your
face in light,
A flame that warms the coldest,
darkest skies.
Your gentle words give weary hearts
their flight,
And hope returns where silent sorrow
lies.

Though time may steal the colors
from the day,
And winter's frost may wither
summer's bloom,
My love for you will never fade
away,
But live eternal, stronger than the
tomb.

So let the heavens mark this truth of
mine:
That even when the stars forget to
shine,
My vow remains, as constant as the
sea,
Unbroken through the depths of
memory.*

Passage B - *Song Lyric*

*Scrolling through the night, I see
your name,
Every beat, every post feels the
same.
You're the reason my world keeps
turning,
In this fire, my heart keeps burning.

We don't need forever, just this song,
A moment of love where we both
belong.
Even if tomorrow fades away,
I'll still remember us today.*

Activity - Compare Across Genres

1. What central idea of love is expressed in both the sonnet and the song lyric?
2. How does the **tone** of the sonnet differ from the tone of the song lyric? Give examples.
3. What kind of imagery does the sonnet use compared to the song lyric?
4. How does structure (formal sonnet vs. free song lyric) shape the way love is conveyed in each?
5. Which passage do you think a modern audience might relate to more? Why?

