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Topic : Shakespeare's Sonnet-1

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# Shakespeare's Sonnet - 1

Sonnet 1 opens the famous sonnet sequence of William Shakespeare and introduces one of its central ideas: the procreation theme. The poet urges a young, beautiful man to marry and have children so that his beauty may live on instead of perishing with time. He criticises the young man for being self-absorbed, comparing him to someone who hoards wealth instead of sharing it. By refusing to have children, the youth is described as being cruel.

to himself and to the world. The sonnet ends with the warning: if he continues this way, he will die alone and his beauty will be buried with him.

The tone of sonnet-1 is didactic and admonishing. Unlike later sonnets that are more emotional or reflective, sonnet-1 sounds authoritative and argumentative as if the poet is lecturing the youth on his social and moral responsibility.

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