

Singal. < A Red, Red Rose (1794)

Robert Burns

enjambment

O, my Love is like a red, red rose - imagery  
That's newly sprung in June;  
O, my Love is like the melody s. - allit.  
That's sweetly played in tune. \* repetition

So fair art thou, my bonnie lass,  
So deep in love am I <sup>lovely adj.</sup> <sup>Scottish</sup>  
And I will love thee still, my dear, <sup>refrain</sup>  
Till a' the seas gang dry.

assonance  
rep. "i" sound

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,  
And the rocks melt wi' the sun:  
ref. I (wil) love thee (stil) my dear,  
While the sands o' life shall run. <sup>quick = brevity of life</sup>  
<sup>hourglass</sup>  
<sup>" " metaphor</sup>

Symbolism  
evaporation rep.  
of sea = end of world

\* uses nature to write about love

And fare thee well, my only Love!  
And fare thee well awhile!  
And I will come again, my Love,  
Though it were ten thousand mile.

ref. <sup>no matter what or how long</sup>  
last stanza is a farewell - goodbye but where? war?

- \* iambic > to iambic
- \* Trimeter > to Tetrameter
- \* one of most famous love poems in Eng. lang.
- \* rhyme scheme = ABCB
- \* Quatrains = 4
- \* love + separation = theme

\* aspect of time = love exists o/o time