A sonnet

* is a fourteen line poem
* has a fixed rhyme sceme
* uses iambic pentameter = five sets of unstresses syllables followed by stresses syllables for a ten syllable line

The word means “little song”

Sonnet 116 (“Let me not to the marriage of true minds”):

Meaning: It defines love in its ideal form.

Shakespeare praises the glories of lovers who have come to each other freely.

Love for him is “the marriage of true minds”.

It is perfect and unchanging. It does not even change when it finds changes in the loved one.

The love does not change with hours and weeks not even though beauty fades in time.