

Shakespeare's Sonnet 29

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Chapter 1 of 5:

There are **times** when I'm **completely broke** and I feel **totally unpopular**. So I just stay at home and **mope around**. Sometimes I try **praying**, but I don't think anyone up there is really listening. Maybe God is **deaf**?

Chapter 2 of 5:

When I'm **feeling sorry for** myself like this, I look in the **mirror** and **curse** my **fate**. Why me?! I **envy** people who are full of **hope**. I would **probably** be more **hopeful**, if I had beautiful **features** like Matt Damon, or if I had lots of followers like Billie Eilish.

Chapter 3 of 5:

I mean, let's be honest, who wouldn't be **stoked** if they were as **talented** as Cristiano Ronaldo? Of course, I'd be **chuffed** if I had the **means** to do whatever I wanted like Bill Gates. It's difficult to be happy about anything when I'm in one of these **moods**. Everything I usually enjoy just **doesn't cut it** anymore.

Chapter 4 of 5:

In the middle of all this **self-doubt**, sometimes my thoughts **turn to** you, just **by accident**. Then my sad **state-of-mind** is **instantly cured**. I feel like a **lark awakened** by the **sunrise**, **suddenly** flying up from the dark **ground** and singing beautiful songs in the morning **sky**.

Chapter 5 of 5:

I have so many **exquisite memories** of your love – **unforgettable moments** no one can take away from me. All I have to do is remember them and already I feel richer than anyone on Earth. I'm so happy then, I would **scorn** the thought of **trading places** with anyone.

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