Exercise #1: Scan a sonnet

This should take you about 15 minutes; optional for 2-unit enrollees.

Due in class Tues. 1/16/08

- Pick a sonnet in which there is at least one extrametrical syllable and one extra syllable due to a paraphonological rule.
- Underneath each syllable, put either
  S
  W
  a digit, for prosodic rule or extrametrical
- Below the sonnet, classify the digits according to their origin (extrametrical or paraphonology)

Example on next page.
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Sweet love, renew thy force; be it not said
W S W S W S W S W S
Thy edge should blunter be than appetite,
W S W S W S W S W S W S
Which but to-day by feeding is allay'd,
W S W S W S W S W S
To-morrow sharpened in his former might:
W S W S W S W S W S
So, love, be thou, although to-day thou fill
W S W S W S W S W S
Thy hungry eyes, even till they wink with fulness,
W W S W W 1 S W S W S 2
To-morrow see again, and do not kill
W S W S W S W S W S
The spirit of love, with a perpetual dulness.
W S 3 W S W S W S 4 W S 5
Let this sad interim like the ocean be
W S W S 5 W S W S W S
Which parts the shore, where two contracted new
W S W S W S W S W S W S
Come daily to the banks, that when they see
W S W S W S W S W S
Return of love, more blest may be the view;
W S W S W S W S W S
Or call it winter, which being full of care,
W S W S W S W S W S W S
Makes summer's welcome, thrice more wished, more rare.
W S W S W S W S W S

1: paraphonology
2: extrametrical
3: ?????
4: paraphonology
5: extrametrical

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1 Not required, but the rules needed are Ambisyllabic /v/ Drop, followed by Posttonic Schwa Drop. Derivation /ˈɪvən/ → [ˈiːn] → [ˈɪn].

2 Spirit is often used by early poets as monosyllabic, for unknown reasons. It’s not a general paraphonological rule.

3 The paraphonological rule is Prevocalic Desyllabification.