**John Donne: *The Sun Rising***

*I have gone through a few Donne poems with you now so I would like you to have a go at this one yourself. Read it out aloud, in pairs, then answer the following questions:*

1. To whom is Donne speaking in the poem? How does he address him (note pronouns) and what does this suggest?
2. Where is he and who is he with?
3. What is the first question Donne asks? Put it into modern English.
4. What does the fourth line of the poem mean?
5. What do you think the country ants are?
6. What supreme qualities does Donne claim for love at the end of stanza one?
7. How does Donne flatter his lover (and himself) in stanza two?
8. How does Donne further insult the sun in stanza three?
9. What other poems have you read that reflect some of the same ideas as *The Sun Rising*? Give precise quotations.

10. How would you sum up the tone and mood of the poem?