

(Artist draws line "A" on display pad, as shown in Teacher Script, and the reading begins):

NARRATOR: There once lived a wise old owl named Oliver who wished he could find a perfect valentine.

And, because he wanted so badly to find that perfect valentine, Oliver spent most of his days and nights searching for the valentine of his dreams.

Oliver was very good at searching, but not very good at talking. All he ever said was,

ALL: WHOOOOOOOO!

(Narrator claps hands to a steady 4/4 beat and encourages children to clap along. When ready, Narrator reads the following poem and children repeat each line as they clap in time):

NARRATOR: Clap your hands and join this rhyme.

ALL: CLAP YOUR HANDS AND JOIN THIS RHYME.

NARRATOR: Oliver's name goes on the line.

ALL: OLIVER'S NAME GOES ON THE LINE.

NARRATOR: Oliver wasted all his time

ALL: OLIVER WASTED ALL HIS TIME

(Clap one fast clap per syllable on the word **valentine**):

NARRATOR: Looking for a VA - LEN - TINE!

(Children also clap one fast clap per syllable on the word **valentine**):

ALL: LOOKING FOR A VA - LEN - TINE!

(Clapping stops. Artist prints Oliver's name, lines "B," as shown in Teacher Script. Narrator points to name and says):

NARRATOR: Oliver's name goes on the line, and here is Oliver's name!

Poor old Oliver searched this round wide world from front to front and back to back. When he was finished, Oliver said,

ALL: WHOOOOOOO!

NARRATOR: Poor old Oliver searched this round wide world from top to top and tip to tip. When he was finished, Oliver said,

ALL: WHOOOOOOO!

NARRATOR 2: Poor old Oliver circled this round wide world until his wiggle wiggle wings sagged and his right eye spun left to meet his left eye spinning right. When his eyes finally straightened out, Oliver said,