

SAMPLE PAGES: The Cupid Encounter

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A Valentine's Day Readers Theater Script for
Intermediate/Advanced Readers:

5 Solo Readers
and an ALL CHORUS

ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find the proper rhythm for this Readers Theater poem, first read-aloud and clap through the sections as you go. Each ***underlined word or word part*** falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout these sections during performance.

NOTE: There are 5 solo reading parts in this script, but you may add as many other readers as you wish to take part in the repeated ALL CHORUS.

READER 1: I was walking home from school when I happened to see
A baby-faced boy - following me.

READER 2: He was round and short, maybe two foot three or more.
He held a bow and arrow I'd seen somewhere before.

READER 3: Then he pointed that arrow straight at my head

READER 4: And this is what the little guy said:

CUPID: Who are you going to choose for your valentine?
Don't look undecided - it takes too much time.

You can cruise the alphabet from Angela to Zandra,
Pick someone from the middle, like Nancy, Pat, or Sandra,
But you'd better make a choice, you are running out of time!

(Alternate Verse:

You can cruise the alphabet from Alan to Zabiah,
Pick someone from the middle, like Ned or Jeremiah,
But you'd better make a choice, you are running out of time!)

ALL: Who are you going to choose for your valentine?

READER 1: Well, I'm sure you know,
I was undecided!

READER 2: I cried, I'm quite amazed!
Your question has me dazed!

READER 3: I'm too young, I'm not ready for a steady.

READER 4: So give it up, cupid, go away already!

READER 1: Then cupid frowned, and flew away alone.

READER 2: And as for me? I went on home.

CHORUS

ALL
(Except Cupid):

But we know Cupid won't give in,
When loves the game, he likes to win!
Soon Valentine's Day will sweep the nation.
Can't we just send him on vacation?

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