

READERS THEATER VERSION

Sample Pages for

A Valentine Rhyme: Take Five

ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find the proper rhythm, first read-aloud and clap through the text 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.

VERSE 1

SOLO READER 1:

Five fancy Valentines,
Each one cost a penny.

SOLO READER 2:

Dropped them in the mail box
And now I haven't any.

SOLO READER 3:

Then yesterday the mail man came
And took all five away.

SOLO READER 4:

Soon they'll be in your letter box

READERS 1,2,3,4:

On Valentine's Day!

(All readers and chorus members hold a hand up in the air showing one finger, then two fingers, then three, four, and five as the following is read):

ALL:

One, two, three, four, five.

(Hands down).

ALL CHORUS: You're my sunshine, you're my star,
 You're my favorite jelly jar.
 You're my rainbow in the sky,
 You're the apple of my eye.
 You're the song I love to sing.
 I would you give anything.

SOLO READER 5: Valentine, will you be mine?
 If so, here comes the second rhyme.

VERSE 2

SOLO READER Five funny Valentines,
 Each one cost a nickel.

SOLO READER Sure to get a laugh or two,
 Guaranteed a giggle.

SOLO READER Yesterday FedEx arrived
 And took all five away.

SOLO READER Soon they'll be on your doorstep

READERS On Valentine's Day!

(Same hand movements as before).

ALL: One, two, three, four, five.

(Hands down).

ALL CHORUS:

You're my sunshine, you're my star,
You're my favorite jelly jar.
You're my rainbow in the sky,
You're the apple of my eye.
You're the song I love to sing.
I would you give anything.

SOLO READER

Valentine, will you agree?
If so, here comes rhyme number three.

VERSE 3

SOLO READER

Five frilly Valentines
Costing each a dime.

SOLO READER

Lace and heart-shaped flowers
Ask will you be mine this time?

SOLO READER

Then yesterday a truck pulled up
And took all five away.

SOLO READER

You'll find them at the front door

READERS

On Valentine's Day!

(Same hand movements as before).

ALL:

One, two, three, four, five.

(Hands down).

ALL CHORUS:

You're my sunshine, you're my star,
You're my favorite jelly jar.
You're my rainbow in the sky,
You're the apple of my eye.
You're the song I love to sing.
I would you give anything.

SOLO READER

Valentine, yes there is more.
Get ready. Here comes number four.

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