

A Valentine Rhyme: Take Five
A Shared-Reading Script for Young Readers

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ADDING MORE READERS

You will notice the script is numbered for 5 Solo Readers, a few All Lines and an ALL CHORUS. After the first 5 solo reading lines, the parts are not numbered. This is done so you may easily pencil in as many solo readers as you'd like. You can include 10, 15, 20, or 25 individual solo readers if you wish. However, if you want to use only the original 5 solo readers, please divide the remaining lines up between them as indicated below.

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.

ALL CHORUS

The chorus for this script was inspired by a Valentine song found on the Internet. I have written my own version, but here is the original information:

http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/valentine_songs.html

Valentine Song-Tune: Love Me Tender

You're my rainbow, you're my star, you're my bright red cookie jar.
You're my goldfish, you're my pie, you're the apple of my eye.
You're my daisy, you're my vine, you're my own true Valentine!

The teacher suggested you create pictures for the children to hold up as they sing the song. She felt the pictures helped the children remember the words. This might be a great idea for the ALL CHORUS below. Selected readers might hold up large drawings: sunshine, star, jelly jar, rainbow, apple, and music note to correspond with the chorus words.

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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.

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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 movements as above).

ALL:

One, two, three, four, five.

(Hands down).

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(Same movements as above).

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.

VERSE 4

SOLO READER Five fantastic Valentines
Costing each a quarter.

SOLO READER I signed them all with love
Because I am your best supporter.

SOLO READER Then yesterday I hid them.
I took all five away.