A Valentine Rhyme: Take Five
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FORMATTING

This Choral Speaking/Reading Script has been formatted for: ALL, ALL GIRLS, ALL BOYS, and 5 SOLO SPEAKERS.

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.

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 CHORUS below. Selected readers might hold up large drawings: sunshine, star, jelly jar, rainbow, apple, and music note to correspond with the chorus words.

VERSE 1

ALL: <u>Five</u> fancy <u>Val</u>entines,

                       <u>Each</u> one cost a <u>pen</u>ny.

                       <u>Dropp</u>ed them in the <u>mail</u> box

                       And <u>now</u> I haven't <u>any</u>.

ALL BOYS: Then <u>yester</u>day the <u>mail</u> man came

                       And <u>took</u> all five a<u>way</u>.

ALL GIRLS: Soon <u>they</u>'ll be in your <u>lett</u>er box

ALL: On <u>Val</u>entine's <u>Day</u>!

                       (All readers 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 GIRLS: You're my sunshine, you're my star,

                            You're my favorite jelly jar.

ALL BOYS: You're my rainbow in the sky,

                            You're the apple of my eye.

ALL: You're the song I love to sing.

                            I would you give anything.

SOLO READER 1:   Valentine, will you be mine?

                            If so, here comes the second rhyme.

VERSE 2

ALL: Five funny Valentines,

                            Each one cost a nickel.

                            Sure to get a laugh or two,

                            Guaranteed a giggle.

ALL BOYS: Yesterday FedEx arrived

                            And took all five away.

ALL GIRLS: Soon they'll be on your doorstep

ALL: On Valentine's Day!

                        (Same hand movements as above).

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

                        (Hands down).

ALL GIRLS: You're my sunshine, you're my star,

                        You're my favorite jelly jar.

ALL BOYS: You're my rainbow in the sky,

                        You're the apple of my eye.

ALL: You're the song I love to sing.

                        I would you give anything.

SOLO READER 2:   <u>Va</u>lentine, will <u>you</u> agree?

                      If <u>so</u>, here comes rhyme <u>num</u>ber three.

VERSE 3

ALL: <u>Five</u> frilly <u>Va</u>lentines

                      <u>Cost</u>ing each a <u>dime</u>.

                      <u>Lace</u> and heart-shaped <u>flow</u>ers

                      Ask will <u>you</u> be mine this <u>time</u>?

ALL BOYS: Then <u>yester</u>day a <u>truck</u> pulled up

                      And <u>took</u> all five a<u>way</u>.

ALL GIRLS: You'll <u>find</u> them at the <u>front</u> door

ALL: On <u>Va</u>lentine's <u>Day</u>!

                      (Same hand movements as above).

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