

A black and white line drawing of a stage. At the top, a scalloped valance hangs from a rod. Two large, rectangular stage spotlights are suspended from the valance, one on the left and one on the right. Below the valance, two curtains hang from rings, framing the central text area. The entire scene is enclosed in a rectangular border.

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SCRIPTS FOR SCHOOLS

If You Won't Be My Valentine

**A Choral Reading/Readers
Theater Script for
Intermediate Readers**

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NOTE: This script is formatted for 11 SOLO READERS, ALL GIRLS, ALL BOYS, and ALL. The script is very flexible and allows a director to use as few or as many readers as required by dividing the reading parts between all available readers. If the class is small, double up on solo parts. If the class is large, everyone can be included in the ALL GIRL, ALL BOY, ALL lines.

ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find the proper rhythm for this choral piece, 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. After you have established the beat, it is time to start interpreting, experimenting, and having fun with the words by varying tempo, volume, inflection, and expression.

ALL BOYS: If you won't be my Valentine

 I'm going to cause a scene.

ALL GIRLS: I'll shout and shriek, and then I'll scream.

 I'll go beyond extreme.

SOLO READER 1: How can you be so mean?

SOLO READER 2: Oh, Valentine say "yes" and help me

 Boost my self-esteem!

ALL: Valentine, listen please.

 Hear my plea, I'm on my knees.

 Warm your heart, thaw the freeze,

 And put my aching heart at ease.

ALL BOYS: If you won't be my Valentine,

 I will pine and whine.

ALL GIRLS: I'll wander off, won't stay in line,

 I know I won't feel fine.

SOLO READER 3: Just give me a sign.

SOLO READER 4: For Valentine, it's time for you to

 Say that you'll be mine!

ALL: Valentine, listen please.

 Hear my plea, I'm on my knees.

 Warm your heart, thaw the freeze,

 And put my aching heart at ease.

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ALL GIRLS: If you won't be my Valentine
 If we two can't be "us",

ALL BOYS: I'll fidget, frown and then I'll fuss
 I'll be a "Gloomy Gus".

SOLO READER 5: Now don't be so unjust.

SOLO READER 6: Being Valentines is something
 We just might discuss!

ALL: Valentine, listen please.
 Hear my plea, I'm on my knees.
 Warm your heart, thaw the freeze,
 And put my aching heart at ease.

ALL GIRLS: If you won't be my Valentine
 I know I'm going to mope.

ALL BOYS: I won't cope, and like a dope,
 Fall down the slippery slope.

SOLO READER 7: Please check your horoscope

SOLO READER 8: To see if you can give me just a
Tiny bit of hope!

ALL: Valentine, listen please.
Hear my plea, I'm on my knees.
Warm your heart, thaw the freeze,
And put my aching heart at ease.

ALL BOYS: If you won't be my Valentine,
If you won't hear my plight,

ALL GIRLS: I'll start a fight, might even bite.
What passions you ignite!

SOLO READER 9: Why don't you set things right?

SOLO READER 10: So Valentine, please think again, and
Say that you just might!