

VALENTINE'S DAY

(sung to "Clementine")

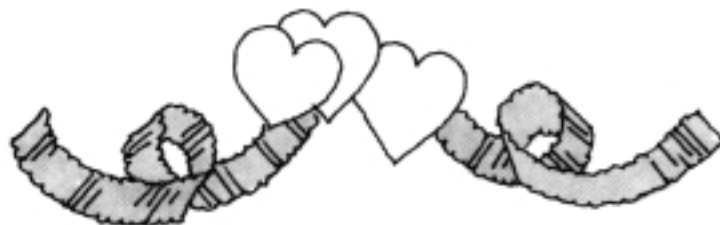
Take some paper, take some scissors,
Cut a heart, and then design.
Write a message in the middle:
"Will you be my Valentine?"

Take a doily, add some cupids,
Paste them all into a line.
Give your doily to your best friend
As a special Valentine!

Take a juice can, pick some flowers,
Put them in with colored twine.
Give your present to a loved one,
And they'll be your Valentine.

Take some gumdrops and some lollies,
Add some mints, eight or nine.
Make a dandy box of candy
For your sweetest Valentine!

Here's a final gift to offer,
It's a very special sign:
Give your friendship to a loved one,
To a special Valentine.



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Suggestions for Sharing

- Have groups of children pantomime the actions in each verse as they sing the song. Or have each group gather the materials mentioned in their verse and then use them as props as they sing their verse aloud.
- Have children pair off with partners. Invite each pair of children to sing two or four lines of the song together, until the entire song has been shared by everyone.

Thematic Activities

- Provide students with precut construction-paper hearts cut from red, pink, purple, and white paper. The hearts should be cut in a variety of sizes. Then provide students with black construction paper and glue, and challenge the children to use the hearts to design a picture representing a gift they wish they could give someone they care about. For example, the hearts could be glued down to represent a pet cat, a vase full of flowers, or a heart necklace. Children may present their pictures (complete with labels explaining the design) to their special someones.
- Ask children to describe the ways they can share friendship, as mentioned in the song's final verse. Make a large chart listing each child's suggestion. For example: *Friends can share a joke. —Amy*

Classroom Resources

- *"Bee My Valentine!"* by Miriam Cohen, Greenwillow, 1978
- *It's Valentine's Day* by Jack Prelutsky, Greenwillow, 1983
- *Valentine's Day* by Gail Gibbons, Holiday House, 1986