

A GIFT OF HEARTS
A Valentine Service.

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To be given during close of Chapter, or during recess.
A heart shaped box for the Valentine should be placed on pedestal,
on line between the dais and Altar, with colored streamers extending
from the box to the different Star points.
Valentines should be in possession of officers who will deposit them
in box during service. More interest may be created if officers try
to see who can obtain the most Valentines for the box.
A child dressed as Cupid, or someone to represent a postman, may
distribute the Valentines.

Worthy Matron:

There are times in our life when we cannot make known the
sentiments of our heart with words alone, but must use some
other means of expression. This season of the year gives
us this opportunity. May we tonight, for a short time at
least, renew these pleasures that have been ours, and share
together some of the joys of our youth.

Solist or Quartet sing:

Tune: Long, Long Ago.

Where are the good times we had long ago,
Long, long ago; long, long ago
When every lassie had her little baau,
Long, long ago; long, long ago.
Give us the joys that to us were so dear,
Let us renew them together while here,
Carry us back to our youth with its cheer,
Back to the long, long ago.

Bring back the days that no longer we see,
Days long ago; days long ago.
When from life's trails we were always so free,
As in the long, long ago.
Oh take us back to the days bright and fair,
Days that were free from all burden and care;
Let us be willing these joys now to share,
As in the long, long ago.

Cupid, or postman takes position at box, and begins winding streamer,
attached to Adah's package. Adah, with package in hand, is led by
streamer to box. Before depositing Valentines, she says her verse.
After placing her Valentines in box, she returns to her station. Other
Star points deposit Valentines in like manner, with following verses:

Adah: The package that I bring is not made of gold,
But some verses are there used by lovers of old,
And I'm sure they will tell us some things that are true
About sugar so sweet, and the violets so blue.

Ruth: My roll is so large and it's wrapped up so neat,
I'm sure that it's verses are sugary sweet,
But if you should find one that sounds a bit blue,
Just remember that verses are not always true.

Esther: As I place my package within the big heart,
I am thinking what fun if we all do our part,
For there's no time in life when we feel quite so young
As when Valentines come, and love ballads are sung.

Electa: As I bring this package out of my store,
If there's something there for you, you'll beg to have more,
For each one is pierced with Cupid's own dart,
Which may be embedded within your own heart.

After Valentines of Star points are deposited, the Marshal and Chaplain approach box with Valentines. One of group says the following verse:

Give us the friends who are honest and true,
Who are willing to share in good things that we do,
Who are willing to join in such good times as these,
And to make sacrifices for someone to please.
We have in our package some verses so true,
About the red rose, and the violet so blue,
Mine are tied up with a true Cupid's dart,
That is ready to pierce to the depth of some heart.
So we'll just leave them here. You'll protect them I know,
'Till the postman will say just where they should go.

These officers return to stations. Conductress and Associate Conductress approach box with packages. Conductress speaks:

We now finish up the package with a bundle of good will,
And the verses that are in it will bring to each heart a thrill
For the rose has the same color, and the violets are as blue,
And the sugar has the sweetness as when we were younger too.
Now let's renew old pleasures, and the joy of being friends,
And be pleased with each remembrance and accept what Cupid sends

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