A GIFT OF HEARTS
A Valentine Service.

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To be given after close of Chapter, or during recess.
A heart shaped box for the valentines 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 Val-
entines.

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 ex-
pression. 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.

Soloist 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 beau,
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 trials 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 de-
positiong 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 valentine 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: Mine is not large, but it's wrapped so neat,
I'm sure that its verses are sugary sweet,
But if you should find one that sounds a bit blue,
Just remember that verses are not always true.

Esther: If the ones that I bring are not pretty by sight,
Take it all in good part, for we've meant it all right,
For when Valentine comes, the gift which we send,
May be just a joke, for our very best friend.

Martha: As I place my valentine 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 Valenties come, and love ballads are sung.

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

**KEY VALENTINES**

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

Chaplain: 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 good times such as these,
And to make sacrifice if someone they may please.

Marshal: 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:

Cond: We now finish up these Valentines 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.

Assec. Cond: Now let's renew old pleasures, and the joy of being friends,
Be pleased with each remembrance and accept what Cupid sends.

Associate Matron advances to box and with the following verse, hands it to postman:

(It has been requested that this verse be omitted)

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