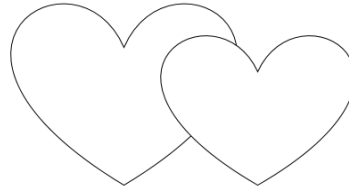


Grandmama's Valentine



Sweet little maiden with eyes so blue,
What has the postman brought for you?
Come sit by my knee and tell me, I say,
What has he brought you on Valentine's Day?⁴

Yes, that's very pretty! I'm greatly afraid
That someone's in love with my sweet little maid.
Is it Cyril, or Arthur, or Jacky, my dear?
Come, whisper his name in your grandmama's ear.⁸

When *my* hair was golden, and *my* eyes were blue,
One Valentine's Day I was waiting like you;
Waiting impatiently, longing to see
What the kind postman was bringing for me.¹²

And a valentine came, oh, so lovely and gay,
With a fat little cupid, and mottoes to say
That the dear little sender's best wishes were mine,
And he wanted "sweet Maggie" for his valentine.¹⁶

It is faded and yellow and crumpled, my pet,
But I treasured it then, and I treasure it yet;
And the dear little sender is now an old man,
And what was his name? Well, now, guess if you can.²⁰

His hair once so brown, now is whiter than mine,
But still he remains my own true valentine;
And we're lovers today, as we were in the past.
"It's grandpapa?" Yes, dear, you've guessed it at last.²⁴

Exercises

1. What is grandmama's name?

2. Who sent grandmama a valentine?

3. How does grandmamma indicate that she once looked similar to her grand-daughter?

4. In line 11, the term *impatiently* belongs to what part of speech?
a. adjective
b. adverb
c. noun
d. pronoun
e. verb

5. Circle the twelve pairs of rhyming words.