

3. Valentine's Song

Words and Music by Hap Palmer

I'm going to make a heart of paper
And put it all together with glue
Valentine's Day is giving me a nice way
To say that I like you

Take a lot of love and take a lot of care
And put them in an envelope
Add a wish that there will be much we can share
And seal them up with hope

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(Instrumental Interlude)

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Valentine's Day can be more than store bought cards and candy. It's a good time to talk about friendship and caring. This song encourages children to make their own homemade valentine.

There are different ideas as to how the celebration of Valentine's Day began. One legend is that St. Valentine was a Roman priest in the third century. Claudius II, who ruled Rome, decided that single men made better soldiers and outlawed marriage for all young men serving in his army. Valentine, decided this was unfair and chose to marry young couples secretly. When Emperor Claudius II found out he had him imprisoned. Some stories say that the young couples, whom Valentine had married, gave flowers and letters to Valentine when they visited him in the prison.

In a different version of the legend, Valentine was an imprisoned man who fell in love with his jailor's daughter. He sent the first 'valentine' when he wrote her a love letter and signed it 'Your Valentine'. These words are still used on cards today. We may never know the true identity and story behind the man named St. Valentine, but February 14 has been the date to celebrate love for a long time, dating back to the Middle Ages.