

- 1 LACY: Thanks!  
2 JASON: No problem.  
3 TIM: Excuse me for interrupting, but I'm getting hungry.  
4 JASON: Yeah, me too! Who wants to grab a burger?  
5 LACY: Count me in!  
6 JASON: Then let's go! Hey, Tim, I think you owe me lunch. You  
7 gonna buy me a burger for all the deprogramming that I  
8 did on you today?  
9 TIM: Yes, sir. I'd be very pleased to pay for your lunch today, Mr.  
10 Williams. Shall we leave? Oh, after you, Miss Edwards.  
11 JASON: Damn!  
12 LACY: I'm running away from home!

## 10. Be My Valentine

CAST: (3M, 1F) BEN, PHIL, DARREN, ALLISON

PROPS: A note, a single rose.

SETTING: Classroom. Cafeteria.

- 1 BEN: *(Sits at desk, concentrating. Writes, crumples paper and*  
2 *throws it on the floor. Begins again.) Allison ... Will you be*  
3 *my valentine? (Crumple paper, throws it on the floor.)*  
4 *Allison, this may be a silly question, but ... (Crumple*  
5 *paper, throws it on the floor) Allison, Valentines Day is a*  
6 *symbol of love and I thought it was the perfect time to tell*  
7 *you ... (Crumple paper.)*  
8 PHIL: *(Enters.)* Whoa! What's this? Writer's block?  
9 BEN: You could say that.  
10 PHIL: *(Picks up a crumpled paper and reads.)* Will you be my  
11 valentine? Did you actually write this?  
12 BEN: *(Sarcastically)* No! I just crumpled up someone else's  
13 paper!  
14 PHIL: That's good to hear because this is so lame!  
15 BEN: Really?  
16 PHIL: Will you be my valentine? That is so elementary!  
17 Remember those dorky cards we used to hand out?  
18 BEN: I thought they were pretty cool. Last year, I had these  
19 Spider-Man cards and ...  
20 PHIL: Last year?  
21 BEN: Well, maybe it wasn't last year. I don't exactly remember.  
22 Maybe it was a few years ago.  
23 PHIL: Let's hope so. But nowadays, if you want to impress a girl,  
24 you have to buy her a dozen roses and a box of chocolates.  
25 BEN: Dang! Who has money for that? I thought I'd just write  
26 Allison a heartfelt letter and give her a box of those little

1 candy hearts. You know, the ones that have a message on  
 2 each piece of candy. And I also thought I might find one of  
 3 those little hearts that said "Be Mine" and tape it to my  
 4 letter. What do you think?  
 5 PHIL: I think you need to ask your parents for a loan and get a  
 6 dozen roses and a box of chocolates.  
 7 BEN: For a girl who may not even want to be my valentine?  
 8 PHIL: Make it two dozen roses and the biggest box of candy you  
 9 can find and I'm sure she'll say yes.  
 10 BEN: But that's a lot of money.  
 11 PHIL: Question. Is she worth it?  
 12 BEN: Is she worth it? Allison is worth every rose in the  
 13 universe.  
 14 PHIL: Wow! You should write that down.  
 15 BEN: You think?  
 16 PHIL: It gives me goose bumps and I'm not even a girl!  
 17 BEN: Good idea. *(Writes.)* But I know my parents won't give me  
 18 a loan for a dozen roses, plus there's no time. But maybe  
 19 ... maybe I can run to the flower shop during lunch and  
 20 buy her a single rose.  
 21 PHIL: That might work.  
 22 BEN: *(Writing)* Allison, this rose is a symbol ...  
 23 PHIL: Of my love!  
 24 BEN: That's too direct. I need to ease into this.  
 25 PHIL: I know! Allison, this rose is just the beginning ...  
 26 BEN: *(Writing)* Just the beginning ...  
 27 PHIL: Of the roses you will receive from me ...  
 28 BEN: *(Writing furiously)* You will receive from me ...  
 29 PHIL: Because you deserve every rose in the universe ...  
 30 BEN: *(Writing)* Every rose in the universe ...  
 31 PHIL: And from this day forward ...  
 32 BEN: *(Writing)* From this day forward ...  
 33 PHIL: I will present you with a single rose every single day ...  
 34 BEN: *(Writing)* Every single day ... *(Looks up)* Wait! I can't afford  
 35 that!

1 PHIL: You could get a job.  
 2 BEN: Let's back up. *(Reading)* "Because you deserve every rose  
 3 in the universe ..."  
 4 PHIL: Which I'd buy for you if I could.  
 5 BEN: Yeah! *(Writes.)* Which I'd buy for you if I could ...  
 6 PHIL: Because you, Allison, are like a rose ...  
 7 BEN: *(Writes.)* You are like a rose ...  
 8 PHIL: Soft.  
 9 BEN: *(Writes.)* Soft.  
 10 PHIL: Sweet.  
 11 BEN: *(Writes.)* Sweet.  
 12 PHIL: Tender.  
 13 BEN: *(Writes.)* Tender.  
 14 PHIL: And your breath is as pure as a rose.  
 15 BEN: *(Looks at Phil.)* But I've never smelled her breath.  
 16 PHIL: Maybe you did when you talked to her.  
 17 BEN: But I've never talked to her.  
 18 PHIL: Never?  
 19 BEN: No. But I see her around. You know ... in the halls.  
 20 PHIL: You mean, you don't even know her?  
 21 BEN: I know her! Well, from a distance.  
 22 PHIL: *(Takes a deep breath.)* This is going to be harder than I  
 23 thought.  
 24 DARREN: *(Enters.)* Hey, what's up?  
 25 PHIL: Ben's in love with a girl he doesn't know.  
 26 DARREN: Cool.  
 27 BEN: I didn't say I was in love!  
 28 PHIL: No, but you want Allison to be your valentine and you  
 29 want to give her every rose in the universe.  
 30 DARREN: Man, you've got it bad!  
 31 PHIL: I think you should talk to her first.  
 32 DARREN: You haven't talked to her?  
 33 BEN: No, not exactly. But she is the most beautiful girl I've ever  
 34 seen! *(Looking at PHIL)* Gorgeous brown eyes. Glistening  
 35 hair. That gentle, sweet smile. And yes, she does deserve

1 every rose in the universe!

2 PHIL: Stop that! You're giving me chill bumps again!

3 DARREN: Dang, you're giving me chill bumps, too!

4 BEN: So what do I give her? The handwritten note? The single

5 rose? A box of candy hearts? All of the above? None of the

6 above?

7 PHIL: You should talk to her first, Ben.

8 BEN: I know, but I'm nervous about it.

9 DARREN: No, I don't think you should talk to her first.

10 BEN: You don't?

11 DARREN: No, because it'll ruin the mystery. Not to mention the

12 surprise.

13 BEN: What surprise? That she gets a single red rose and gushy

14 love letter from a complete stranger?

15 DARREN: No! The surprise of a singing telegram from a secret

16 admirer!

17 PHIL: Hey, that's a great idea! Girls like stupid stuff like that.

18 BEN: Yeah! That is a great idea! But who could I get to do it?

19 DARREN: I'll volunteer!

20 PHIL: Volunteer, or does he have to pay you?

21 DARREN: Ben, you don't have to pay me. We'll just say that you

22 owe me one, OK?

23 BEN: Sure, sure, no problem.

24 DARREN: So where should I track her down and present her

25 with the singing telegram?

26 BEN: Well, how about in the cafeteria during lunch?

27 DARREN: That works for me.

28 PHIL: What are you going to sing?

29 DARREN: I don't know. I'll think of something.

30 BEN: Something about me being in love with her, OK?

31 DARREN: Of course.

32 BEN: *(Quickly signs note, folds it and hands it to DARREN.)* And

33 when you finish, give her this note, OK?

34 DARREN: Sure. You think you ought to give her your phone

35 number, too? In case she wants to call you tonight?

1 BEN: *(Takes note and writes.)* Yeah, good idea.

2 PHIL: And if she doesn't call, well, then you'll know.

3 BEN: Know what?

4 PHIL: She's not interested.

5 DARREN: Oh, she'll be interested. How can she not be after her

6 singing telegram? *(Pats BEN on the shoulder.)* She'll think

7 you are the most romantic guy in the world!

8 PHIL: What about the rose?

9 BEN: Oh yeah.

10 DARREN: I know! A single rose, right?

11 BEN: Yeah.

12 DARREN: Well, Mrs. Johnson received a dozen roses this

13 morning in my English class and I bet I could borrow one.

14 PHIL: Borrow one? You mean, steal?

15 DARREN: Oh, come on. She'll never miss it.

16 PHIL: You better hope not.

17 BEN: Phil, it's for a worthy cause!

18 DARREN: OK, here's the plan. Be in the cafeteria during lunch.

19 BEN: OK.

20 DARREN: You point her out to me, and then I'll take care of the

21 rest. A song, a rose, a note.

22 PHIL: This ought to be interesting.

23 BEN: Oh, I hope she likes it!

24 DARREN: She'll love it! Believe me.

25 BEN: OK. See you at lunch. *(They ALL exit. ALLISON sits at a*

26 *table in the lunchroom. After a moment, BEN, PHIL and*

27 *DARREN enter, all looking her way and nudging each other*

28 *and pointing. DARREN holds a single rose. BEN and PHIL sit*

29 *down, and then DARREN approaches ALLISON.)*

30 DARREN: For you. *(Hands her the rose.)*

31 ALLISON: Why?

32 DARREN: Also for you. *(Hands her the note.)*

33 ALLISON: *(Opens the note and reads.)* Who's Ben? *(DARREN*

34 *points across the room. When he does, BEN, embarrassed,*

35 *attempts to hide behind PHIL.)*

1 **ALLISON:** *(Looks at the note again.)* Every rose in the universe!

2 **DARREN:** Romantic huh? Wait! That's not all! *(Gets down on*  
 3 *one knee and begins to sing badly.)* "When I fall in love, it  
 4 will be forever!" Gosh, I can't remember the rest of it.  
 5 Wait! Let me start over. "When I fall in love, it will be  
 6 forever!" Wait! What is the rest of it? "When I fall in love,  
 7 it will be forever."*(Makes up the rest.)* "When I fall in love,  
 8 it will be forever! And on this special day, I have a special  
 9 request! Oh, Allison, Allison. *Will you be my valentine?*"

10 **ALLISON:** *(Gives him a strange look.)* Be your valentine or his  
 11 valentine? *(Points to Ben who quickly ducks behind Phil*  
 12 *again.)*

13 **DARREN:** *(Stands up)* His! *(Points to BEN who is peeking around*  
 14 *PHIL's shoulder.)*

15 **ALLISON:** *(Short pause. She smiles.)* Yes.

16 **DARREN:** Yes?

17 **ALLISON:** Yes.

18 **DARREN:** Great! Great! Oh, and he put his phone number on  
 19 that note so you can call him tonight, OK?

20 **ALLISON:** OK. *(Gathers her things. Looks toward BEN, smiles,*  
 21 *then exits.)*

22 **DARREN:** *(Goes to PHIL and BEN.)* OK, so my singing wasn't that  
 23 great, but ...

24 **BEN:** What'd she say? What'd she say?

25 **PHIL:** Yeah, what'd she say?

26 **DARREN:** Good news, Ben. She wants to be your valentine.

27 **BEN:** She does?

28 **DARREN:** She does!

29 **BEN:** Yes!

30 **DARREN:** And she'll be calling you tonight.

31 **BEN:** Yes!

32 **PHIL:** So are you going to get a job now?

33 **BEN:** A job?

34 **PHIL:** So you can buy her every rose in the universe?

35 **DARREN:** Or I could give her a singing telegram everyday if you

wanted. That was fun. But I need to practice. *(Singing)*  
 "When I fall in love, it will be forever ... " What is the rest  
 of that song? "When I fall in love ... " *(They ALL exit as*  
*DARREN continues to sing.)*