

# Surprise

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she was 12 years old  
sat at her desk, a bashful girl, who  
wished she could have gotten sick  
this day, not to be here, to face being  
embarrassed this valentine day  
it was the day the boys would pick the  
girl he liked best and give his card to the  
teacher to deliver at the end of class,  
guess he was bashful also  
when class was ended, the girl was  
anxious to run out of the room,  
but she had to wait till the bell rang.  
the teacher walked up and down each of the aisles,  
dropping the cards whose names were on them,  
onto the desks.  
when she got near to the shy girl's desk, the girl put

her head down, pretending to gather up her books  
when suddenly the teacher dropped a card on her  
desk - her face reddened, she didn't know what to do,  
picked it up nervously, didn't know who it was from,  
didn't matter who it was from  
she finally felt she was a part of that class.

