

Dear Readers: - It's so nice on this day of remembrance to think of folks like you and to send you this Valentine Legend, and many good wishes, too. Happy Valentine's Day, everyone !

A Special Inspirational Interpretation - by Helen Steiner Rice.

The story of St. Valentine imprisoned in his cell is just a legend that folks still like to tell; for it's an old, old story that still is true today, no matter what the obstacle - "Love always finds a way."

The Legend of the Valentine:-

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Thinking of his little flock, he had always loved so well
And, wanting to assure them of his friendship and his love,
He picked a bunch of violets and sent them by a dove. . .
And on the violets' velvet leaves he pierced these lines divine
That simply said "I love you" and "I'm Your Valentine". . .
So through the years that followed, from that day unto this,
Folks still send messages of love and seal them with a kiss.
Because a Saint in prison reached through prison bars one day
And picked a bunch of violets and sent them out to say -
That Faith and Love are Greater than the strongest prison bar.

Valentine Messages:

To Robbie:

My love for you is lots, oh lots,
It doesn't come in little jots!
SISTER DOT.

To Dottie:

My love for you is 'MIGHTY' sweet
Much bigger than a birdie's 'tweet' .!
ROBBIE LEE. (Your Bro.)

Did You Know?

- (a) That, on account of deep snow, gravel and sand are hidden and birds pick up nut-shells and cinders for digesting their food. This information is gained by observation. Let's keep our eyes open and learn 'bird ways'.
- (b) That, the sheep is the only animal that cannot find its way home when it wanders away from the fold. That is why sheep need a shepherd with rod and staff, to watch them.

David, when a shepherd boy had led his sheep to "green pastures" and beside "still waters" and had defended them against wild beasts. So God had chosen him to make his people happy and see that their country was well cared for, and to defend them against the enemies who used to rob them and sometimes carry them away as slaves. David realized what the Lord meant when He said, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

"Do the best you can, where you are, with what you have." Anon.

As You Go Through Life

Don't look for the flaws as you go through life,
And even when you find them
It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind
And look for the virtue behind them.

E.M.W.