

Burn's Sonnet

Valentine's Day

Some conservatives protest Valentine's Day.
Romantic love could corrupt their youth with lust
into forbidden sex in an illicit way.
"Say no to Valentine's Day!" Black heart. No trust.
Cut cell phone service to send valentine greetings.
Stop imports of gifts like teddy bears.
Impede lovers from secret meetings.
Restrict choice and return to prayers.
Others will send heart-shaped balloons and flowers
celebrating love with hot-blooded red,
exercising their own loving powers
hoping their caring messages will spread.
One Billion Rising promotes all kinds of love.
Hope cupid keeps sending arrows from above.

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1. 14 lines. Disregard meter.
2. Rhyme Scheme: a-b-a-b- c-d-c-d-e-f-e-f- g-g
3. Three Quatrains and a couplet.