Rhyming Fortunes for the 52 playing cards

Remove the Jokers from the deck, shuffle, then lay out the cards in a rectangle, face-downward. Each participant will choose one card from the spread, but before they do so, they must place their right hand over their heart and say:

“A reading true I seek to find, and take what comes with quiet mind.”

They will then choose, with their left hand, any card in the spread to which they feel drawn. The MC of this operation will then read the rhyming fortune related to the card which the person drew. Their card is replaced in the spread and another person may step up to draw a card. The MC should move around the cards in the spread every two participants, so the randomness of the fortune selected is preserved.

### Diamond Rhymes

**Ace of Diamonds:**
If this Ace should be your gain, you’ll marry one with wealth and brain.

**Two of Diamonds:**
Whatever pain you have today, this card will draw it all away.

**Three of Diamonds:**
Great honor comes to you and yours, for very good, sufficient cause.

**Four of Diamonds:**
A holiday that’s full of fun, is coming ’ere the month is done.

**Five of Diamonds:**
If asked to travel, please say ‘no.’ ‘Twon’t bring you any luck to go.

**Six of Diamonds:**
Be on guard, says Number Six, ‘gainst enemies and crafty tricks.

**Seven of Diamonds:**
When mystic seven doth appear, strange happenings will soon be here.

**Eight of Diamonds:**
However great may be your ruth, fortune will come through speaking truth.

**Nine of Diamonds:**
With this nine, good luck attends, and in a week, your income mends.

**Ten of Diamonds:**
The charming self who draws the ten, will wed, but nobody knows when.

**Jack of Diamonds:**
Fate has been a Mistress Stern, but from today, your luck will turn.

**Queen of Diamonds:**
Fate sometimes breaks and sometimes bends, but you’ll be helped by all your friends.

**King of Diamonds:**
Pleasure and profit come to you, where sun is gold and skies are blue.
Heart Rymes

Ace of Hearts:
Love is trumps and you will find
a sweetheart greatly to your mind.

Two of Hearts:
With the one you love, do not be wroth,
or troubles may beset you both.

Three of Hearts:
More haste, worse speed, is now your fate.
Better to linger, and be late.

Four of Hearts:
From any trouble troubling thee,
the next six months will set you free.

Five of Hearts:
Across the sea you’re bound to roam,
but after several years, come home.

Six of Hearts:
An enemy will show you spite,
but everything will soon come right.

Seven of Hearts:
If this seven you obtain,
be sure you will not love in vain.

Eight of Hearts:
Yours is a lucky working life,
quite free from poverty or strife.

Nine of Hearts:
If these nine pips to your appear,
your wedding day is very near.

Ten of Hearts:
Did you think love was at an end?
Ah, no! For broken hearts will mend.

Jack of Hearts:
A new acquaintance you shall meet,
and find this friendship very sweet.

Queen of Hearts:
Take heed — for one you think your friend,
of your happy plans, will make an end.

King of Hearts:
Stand still; consider, if you can,
or you may love a married man.

Club Rhymes

Ace of Clubs:
A jolly party, full of mirth,
within the next week shall have a birth.

Two of Clubs:
Today you get the answer ‘No.’
Tomorrow it will not be so.

Three of Clubs:
If now you love with might and main,
look further you, and love again.

Four of Clubs:
Work hard, if you, success would win,
for your lucky time is coming in!
**Five of Clubs:**
For parenthood, your name is cast,
and your first child won’t be your last.

**Six of Clubs:**
This six you’ve drawn will bring you soon,
a beau who sets the world in tune.

**Seven of Clubs:**
A little loss may come your way;
don’t fret—‘tis only for a day.

**Eight of Clubs:**
Your next proposal, don’t disdain,
or you may ne’er get one again.

**Nine of Clubs:**
Marriage and money—happy twins
of luck, quite soon your fortune wins.

**Ten of Clubs:**
In work, a promotion comes to you.
Within a month, more money, too.

**Jack of Clubs:**
Money is coming, so take heed,
and use it wisely for your need.

**Queen of Clubs:**
A person who is middling-fair,
is jealous of you, so beware!

**King of Clubs:**
An old acquaintance you will see,
and be much in his company.

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**Spade Rhymes**

**Ace of Spades:**
A disappointment dims your eyes,
but proves a blessing in disguise.

**Two of Spades:**
Small troubles bring you many a sigh,
but all comes right, by-and-by.

**Three of Spades:**
You’ve surely drawn a lucky Spade;
money and pleasure—you’ve got it made!

**Four of Spades:**
If you insist on your own way,
you’ll likely live to rue the day.

**Five of Spades:**
Try to avoid a bitter strife
which may darken your happy life.

**Six of Spades:**
Take heart of grace, for you will find
next winter far more to your mind.

**Seven of Spades:**
Oh, you’ll wed—and soon, we must declare, but not with any trousseau fair.

**Eight of Spades:**
Please change your business methods, or
you’ll have small trade to change them for.
Nine of Spades:
This week your fortune will be fine, since you have drawn the Spade of Nine.

Ten of Spades:
What today is bringing you sorrow, will bring you happy smiles tomorrow.

Jack of Spades:
You’re thinking this year to be wed. Please put it off ‘til next instead.

Queen of Spades:
A jealous person — please take care! You’ll know them by their silver hair.

King of Spades:
A trusty friend will help you to prosper in pretty-much all you do.

TO THE
MASTER OR MISTRESS
OF CEREMONIES
FOR THIS FORTUNE-GAME:

- Remember to switch around a bunch of cards after every few people have taken their turn, so no one can memorize where a certain card was, and the selection can remain completely random.

- Remind participants you take no responsibility for any fortunes which come true, or don’t come true. This game is PARTICIPANT EMPTOR — let the participant beware.

- If so-inclined, they may select another, but draw the line at no more than three cards total per person. More than that, and the Spirits may assume they’ve got a pest on their hands, and guide the selector to bad fortunes, just to get rid of them.

- If, at the end of the event, evening, or party, you realize many people had chosen the same card or two, consider there might be a message in it for you!

- Consider using the signage on the following two pages to set up at the table, so people know what you’re doing, and what to do. Print it out on a good sturdy cardstock, so it won’t wilt, and will stand up to heavy use.
30-SECOND FORTUNES TOLD

(HEY, YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR)

CHOOSE AT YOUR OWN RISK. WE TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR FUTURE

FOR YOUR FUTURE

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TO PLAY THE 30-SECOND FORTUNE GAME:

Place your right hand over your heart, and say:

“A reading true I seek to find,
And take what comes with quiet mind.”

Then, with your left hand, choose a card at random from the selection on the table. After your fortune is read, return the card where you found it.